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2 PIT AREAS TO STAY ON STRIKE

Rest to go back 'with heads up'

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

STRIKING miners in South Wales, Yorkshire, Durham and Lancashire will lead today's return to work in response to their union decision to call off the 52-week pit strike without any agreement with the Coal Board.

Men in Kent and Scotland voted to remain on strike until there is an amnesty for miners sacked during the dispute.

The prospect facing the board is that most of the 186,000 N U M workforce will be back this week, but difficulties in the militant coalfields could lead to a complete resumption taking a further fortnight or more.

Refusal by the Coal Board to entertain talks with the N U M on national terms for an amnesty covering the 728 miners dismissed during the strike means the issue will be tackled on a local basis.

Leaders of the 55,000 Yorkshire miners decided by a 62-8 vote to support an orderly march back "with heads up, banners and bands."

The 120 pit delegates from Lancashire took a similar decision.

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'250 dismissed' in Scotland

So did the South Wales miners where pit lodges were meeting to arrange a big march back.

But representatives of the 13 Scottish pits meeting in Edinburgh voted 7-6 to remain on strike and at Ramsgate, only six of 1,000 Kent miners at a mass meeting were prepared to call off the strike.

Mr Michael McGahey, Scottish area president and vice-president of the national union, said there was "tremendous bitterness and anger" at statements by the Coal Board's area director, Mr Albert Wheeler, that there would be no amnesty in Scotland.

Mr McGahey said that nearly 250 men had been dismissed in Scotland.

"The Energy Minister, Mr Peter Walker, has said there can be an amnesty for sacked miners, apart from those convicted of serious crimes, and the Prime Minister has called for reconciliation in the industry.

'Duty to protect men and families'

"There is only one voice coming over loud and clear and that is from Mr Wheeler who is declaring war on the miners by saying there will be no amnesty," said Mr McGahey.

The Scottish N U M delegates will meet again on Friday to review the situation.

Mr Wheeler said later: "There can be no amnesty for the 180 men dismissed from the industry.

"They have been involved in serious offences against working miners, their families, their properties, and the board's property.

"The management has a duty to protect its workforce and their families, men and women who have suffered terrible hardship in order to go to work."

Out of 1,500 people who had been arrested in Scotland, he said, only 180 miners had been sacked.

"People who have been involved in intimidation and violence are not needed in this industry."

The Kent row is over 42 miners dismissed, including 27 who staged a sit-in at Betteshanger colliery both in the pit offices and underground.

Mr Jack Collins, N U M area secretary, said: "We will continue with this dispute. The 42 sacked men must be given their jobs back first before we will consider a return."

The resolution carried by the meeting deplored the fact that members who have been sacked during th dispute have not been resinstated.

It agreed that the present position "be maintained" pending a reconvened mass meeting on March 17.

'A battle we can win'

Mr Malcolm Pitt, Kent area president, said: "I believe this is a battle that we can win in Kent. I do not think that we will find ourselves out on our own."

About 2,000 men work in the three Kent pits—Tilmanstone, Betteshanger and Snowdown.

Snowdown is one of the five on the national list threatened with closure and two of the five faces at Tilmanstone are said to have become unworkable because of geological problems during the dispute.

Mr Tudor Llewellyn, Coal Board spokesman in Kent, said there was no way in which the board would reinstate the sacked men.

The dismissals had been "a firm commitment" and decisions had not been taken lightly.

The Yorkshire resolution calling for a return to work also instructed the N U M national executive, area and branch officials, to negotiate an amnesty for members dismissed.

Mr Dave Douglas from Hatfield colliery, one of the delegates who voted against the return to work decision, said: "My branch wanted to stick it out — and that is the way I voted — until there is an

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Walker rules out amnesty

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

MR WALKER, Energy Secretary, yesterday rejected calls by some Labour M Ps in the Commons for a general amnesty for miners convicted of criminal offences during the pit strike.

He said that even if miners were acquitted in the courts, there was no guarantee that they would be reinstated by the Coal Board.

Mr Michael Eaton, the Coal Board's Board's chief spokesman, listened from the gallery

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as Mr Walker described the Government's position on an amnesty after he had made a statement on the end to the year-long strike.

The occasion, rather low key key despite its momentous implications again showed up the divisions within the Labour party.

Shortly before, Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, and Mr Hattersley, his deputy, had said in interviews that they were not in favour of a general amnesty.

'Vicious crimes'

They said there could be no reinstatement for miners convicted of "vicious crimes," although they thought that dismissal for minor offences should be reversed.

With the Prime Minister sitting next to him, Mr Walkr played down talk of a Government victory over Mr Scargill.

But at a meeting of senior Ministers earlier in the day to review the dispute there had been considerable satisfaction at the vote by the N U M delegates' conference the day before in favour of a return to work today.

A so-called "Scargill sur-

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41 SACKED MINERS GET JOBS BACK

Forty-one North Derbyshire miners sacked for minor offences during the pit strike have been reinstated in their jobs by Mr Kenneth Moses, the area director.

A total of 125 Coal Board staff in the area were sacked for violence on working miners and damage to Board property.

One man at Shirebrook pit who attacked a working colleague got his job back after they shook hands underground and agreed "to forgive and forget."

TOMATOES THROWN AT KINNOCK

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader, grabbed hold of a demonstrator who pelted him with tomatoes during a visit to London's Haringey College yesterday and told him angrily: "I wish you were a bit bigger."

Mr Kinnock, who was verbally abused for his role in the miners' strike, aded: "If you want to have things out rationally you discuss them. You don't throw things." Later a number of students apologised for the demonstrators' behaviour.

CONTEMPT MOVE BY N U M AREA

By Our Legal Correspondent

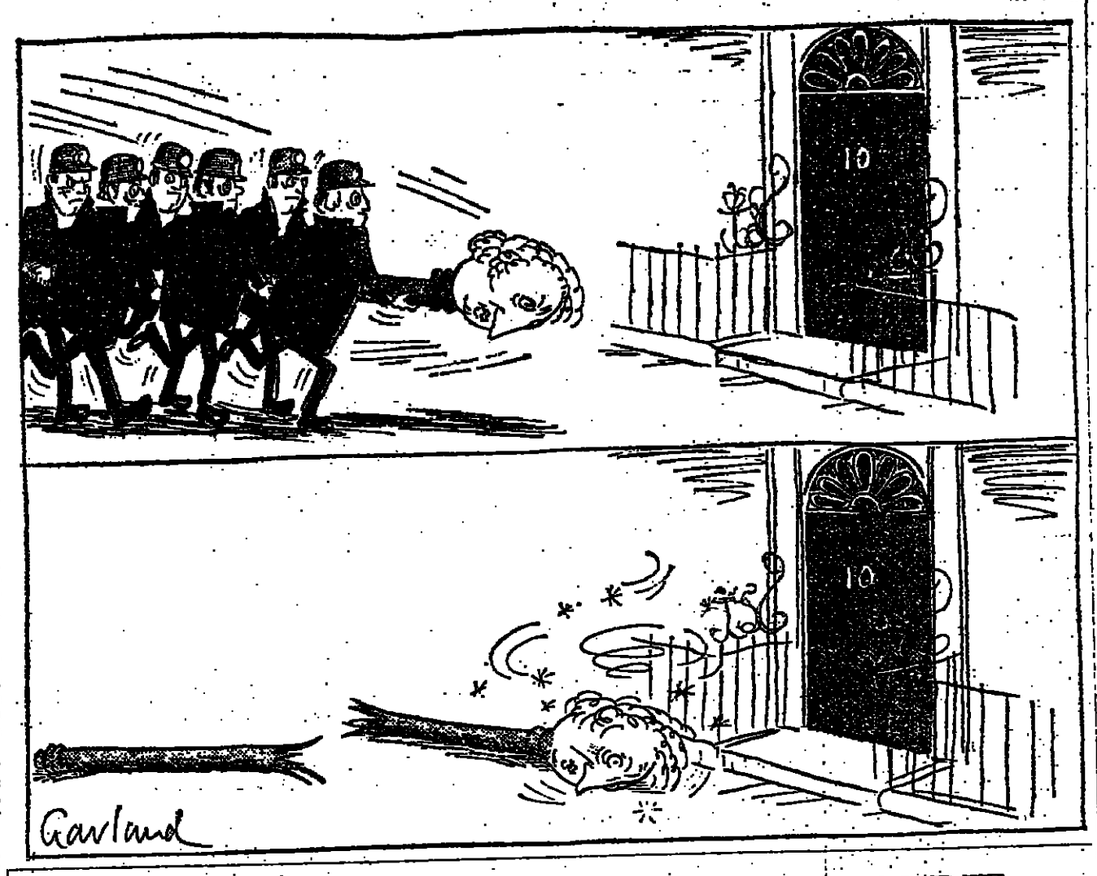
The South Wales area of the Mineworkers' Union, whose assets were ordered to be seized by sequestrators last August after it failed to pay a £50,000 fine for contempt of court, has told the sequestrators it now wants to purge its contempt.

Arrangements are being made for a High Court hearing, possibly later this week, when an official of the union could appear before a judge to apologise for the contempt and to ask for the sequestration to be ended and the £800,000 assets returned to the control of the union.

RAIL COAL BAN IS LIFTED

Rail union leaders decided to call off their ban on coal movements from midnight but where there are still official miners' picket lines, probably in Kent and Scotland, railmen will be told not to cross.

The decisions were taken at a special meting of the Rail Unions Federation at the headquarters of the drivers union A S L E F in London.



Man on mortar murders charge

A MAN from the South Down area of Ulster is to appear in court today charged in connection with the murder of nine police officers in the I R A mortar attack at Newry.

It is understood the man was among a group of 12 detained in the Newry and South Armagh areas immediately after the attack last Thursday.

The officers who died — seven men and two women — were in a wooden Portakabin canteen when the building was struck by one of nine mortars fired from a hijacked lorry 200 yards away.

The last three of the victims of the attack were buried yesterday in separate ceremonies in Co. Down and Co. Antrim. The three, Paul McFerran, 33, Denis Anthony Price, 22, and Sean Broan McHenry, 19, were all RUC reserve constables.

SAFETY REVIEW

Defeat of terrorism

OUR POLITICAL STAFF writes: Mr Hurd, Northern Ireland Secretary, said in the Commons yesterday that an urgent review had been ordered into how key buildings in Ulster could be made safer from terrorist attack after the bombing at Newry.

He warned that "no buildings can be made impregnable" and that the real priority remained the outright defeat of terrorism.

He stressed that while political progress in the province was essential, it could not be regarded as a substitute for a robust security policy.

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BOMB TRIAL JURY OUT

By Our Old Bailey Correspondent

The jury in the trial of two alleged I R A men accused of murdering three people during a month-long bombing campaign in the autumn of 1981 spent last night at a secret London hotel after failing to reach verdicts after five and a half hours. They will return to court today.

During a three-week trial Paul Kavanagh, 29, and Thomas Quigley, 29, both from Belfast, have denied three murder charges and also possessing firearms and explosives with intent to endanger life.

CHELSEA RIOTING

Mounted police battled mobs of Chelsea fans hurling seats and trying to fight visiting Sunderland supporters at Stamford Bridge last night as Sunderland won 3-2 to clinch a place at Wembley in the Milk Cup final.

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New heart and lungs for girl, 5

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD girl whose father allegedly turned to armed robbery to pay for her lifesaving treatment, was given a new heart and lungs at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, yesterday.

Brooke Matthews, from Australia, is the youngest person to undergo the double transplant operation. She was given the heart and lungs of a three-year old child in a 4½-hour operation.

Facing trial

Her plight became known in December when her father, Robert, was said to have held up a hamburger bar in Melbourne for £1,700 after being told she only had months to live.

He is now facing trial for attempted robbery but well-wishers raised the money to send Brooke and her mother Mrs Deborah Matthews, 26, to London to pay for the operation.

She was amcepted by Mr Magdi Yacoub, the heart surgeon, for a transplant and has been waiting since January for donor organs to become available.

A spokesman for Harefield Hospital said Brooke was making good progress.

SIAMESE TWINS 'CRITICAL'

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Three-day-old Siamese twin girls, joined at the chest, abdomen and liver, were critical in Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, last night after a seven-hour operation involving a 28-strong medical team.

One has a normal heart but the other has "major abnormalities."

FARM PAY DEAL EXPECTED TODAY

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Negotiations to fix minimum pay for 240,000 farm workers were adjourned by the Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales in London last night after seven hours. They will resume today when a settlement is expected.

Farm workers' leaders are seeking a 57 per cent. increase in minimum pay from the present £82·80 for a 40-hour week to £130 for 35 hours. They also want an additional fifth week's holiday.

RECORD £1,164m IN HP LOANS

By Our City Staff

Hire purchase loans in January were a record £1,164 million compared with £971 million in December, the Department of Trade said yesterday.

H P deals have increased by 10 per cent. in the last three months. Total debt outstanding at January 31 was £17,070 million.

Fraser board backs Harrods bid

By BARBARA CONWAY City Staff

A STRING of major British department stores, including Harrods, could pass into Egyptian ownership after the board of House of Fraser yesterday recommended a £615 million bid from Al-Fayed Investment and Trust U K.

Confirmation of the offer brought a flurry of City speculation that a counter-bid, either from the Lonrho group, which has been trying to gain control of Fraser for eight years, or from an American source, would follow.

Brothers Ali and Mohamed Al-Fayed, both educated in England, are already on the House of Fraser board after their family company bought their 29·9 per cent. Fraser shareholdings from Lonrho last November.

The Al-Fayed family already has substantial investments in Britain including a Park Lane office blck, a substantial shareholding in building group Costain and a large estate in Scotland. Other interests include the Ritz Hotel in Paris and shipping business worldwide.

Bitter conflict

Behind the board's acceptance of the Egyptian offer lies a history of bitter conflict between the Fraser and Lonrho boards, which has also developed into obvious personal hostility between Mr Tiny Rowland and Prof Roland Smith, as Lonrho has made repeated attempts to take control of the stores group.

Despite a staged "friendly handshake" at a Fraser general meeting three years ago, they have made it clear that each totally distrusts the other. Mr Rowland has stated that if Lonrho succeeds in taking over Fraser, Professor Smith would have his chairman's contract terminated immediately, while the professor played a major role in the resignation of Mr Rowland and Lord Duncan-Sandys, Lonrho chairman, from the Fraser board over the New Year.

BEER OUTPUT UP

By Our Commercial Correspondent

A 6¼ per cent rise in beer production in January was reported yesterday by the Brewers' Society compared with a year earlier.

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£ FAILS TO PROFIT FROM PIT PEACE

By CLIFFORD GERMAN
Financial Correspondent

REACTION to the collapse of the miners' strike was rather muted in the City, the pound gained about 1½ cents on Far Eastern markets as a direct result of the miners' decision to return to work.

But sterling was overshadowed by a strong dollar and fears of the adverse effects on sterling from a possible fall in North Sea oil prices now the coal strike is over.

Reserves fall

Spot prices for North Sea oil held up well, and it will be many weeks before coal supplies are back to normal. But sterling is still regarded as a petro-currency, and the rate gradually slipped back to close 10 points lower on balance at $1·0705.

Share prices began brightly but enthusiasm gradually faded and The Financial Times 30-share index closed 4·9 up on the day at 979·9 after reaching 983·1.

Britain's gold and foreign exchange reserves fell by $248 million last month, after allowing for the crediting of $61 milion borowed abroad and $19 million of repayments.

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EEC PRICES

By Our Comm'n Market Correspondent in Brussels

Consumer prices rose by an average of 0·6 per cent. to an annual rate of 7·2 per cent. in the 10 Common Market countries between December, 1984, and January this year, the EEC Commission said yesterday.

PUPILS 'STRIKE'

More than 250 pupils went on strike yesterday in protest at disruptive action by some of their teachers at Broomfield Secondary School, Havant, Hants.

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THATCHER TOUR

By Our Political Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher is to visit Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India from April 5 to 15 in a tour postponed last autumn because of the miners' strike.

120 DIE IN CHILE QUAKE

By Our Santiago Correspondent

THE death toll from an earthquake which hit central Chile on Sunday evening has risen above 120.

Nearly 2,000 more were injured in the country's worst natural disaster for 15 years.

The tremor registered eight degrees on the Richter scale and left 8,000 homeless in a doren cities.

Most of the casualties were caused by falling rubble. Five people died when the front of a church collapsed on them as they fled from evening mass.

Hospitals evacuated

Some small towns between the capital, Santiago and the port of Valparaiso lost as much as 70 per cent. of their houses. Hospitals and other public buildings were evacuated.

Most of the casualties were in Santiago where more than four million people live. Thousands camped out on Sunday night as fresh tremors hit the city. Ambulances struggled to get through streets covered with debris to reach the injured.

The military government yesterday imposed a curfew in the capital from midnight to 5 a.m. to prevent looting. Firemen were fighting spreading fires and the city was in darkness last night as electricity supplies had been cut.

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Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Ridge will cross Britain from W.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, S.E., E., CEN. S., S.W., N. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, CHANNEL Is., WALES, S. SCOTLAND: Dry, Sunny intervals. Wind S.W., light. Max. 52F (11C).

N. IRELAND: Bright at first, little rain later. Wind W., moderate becoming S., fresh. 48F (9C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E.): Wind W., force 1-3 or 4. Sea smooth or slight.

ST. GEORGE'S CH., IRISH SEA: S.W., 4 increasing 5, occasionally 6-7. Slight increasing moderate.

OUTLOOK: Rain, some bright spells later.

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Vandalism at Yorks pits on eve of return

By GRAHAM JONES

SOME Yorkshire pickets went on a rampage yesterday shortly before the area council in the country's biggest coalfield voted for an orderly return to work at 9 a.m. today.

At the Yorkshire Main colliery at Edlington, near Doncaster, the methane pumping house and ventilation office was ransacked and two pumps worth £500 each were stolen from the shaftsmen's cabin. There was also widespread damage in other offices.

At Cadeby Colliery, Denaby, windows were broken in a wages office.

One picket and a policeman were hurt in clashes at Markham Main colliery, near Doncaster, and a working miners' bus was stoned at nearby Rossington.

There were 568 "new faces" at Yorkshire pits—262 of them on the day shift—as the union's area council voted 62-8 in Barnsley for a return to work.

It was decided that the men would return to Yorkshire's 53 pits "proudly, with banners waving and bands playing."

The area council's vote was being ratified at colliery branches throughout Yorkshire last night.

But there was confusion as to whether militants would set up picket lines at some Yorkshire pits to try to prevent a total return.

At some collieries like at Askern, near Doncaster, a local dispute was already underway at the start of the strike and miners there were undecided about a return.

Police said they were expecting the mass return to work to begin early this morning with as many as 50,000 people "on the move" between 8 and 9 o'clock.

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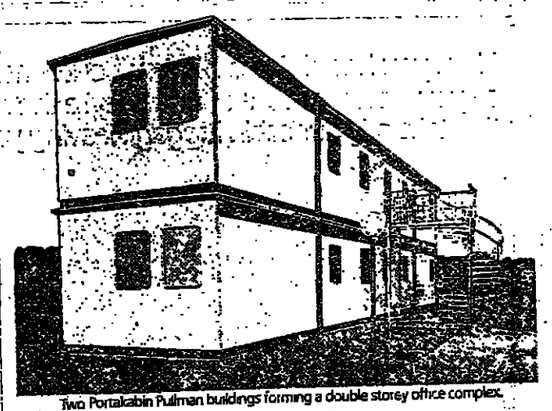

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Spirit of reconciliation after costly dispute urged by Coal Minister

CONCERN OVER EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BILL

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

MR DAVID HUNT, Minister for Coal, yesterday expressed concern at the "extensive damage" caused to the coal industry by the miners' year-long dispute.

He said: "When we calculate the cost that Scargill has inflicted on the coal industry we are going to be very shocked and worried about the effect it is going to have on the future.

"It will be my job to participate with everyone concerned in a spirit of reconciliation," he said on BBC Breakfast TV.

"Let us put this damaging costly dispute behind us and work for the future," he said.

Mr Hunt said the damage bill had still to be calculated and no decision had been made how it would be paid. "We have to look at the total cost and work out exactly how it is going to be paid."

He said 40 working faces and 21 salvage faces had been lost with a further 80 faces causing concern. "That is about a quarter of all the faces in the coalfield and that really is extensive damage."

Disturbing figures

It will be several months before Coal Board engineers are able to draw up a full inventory of the damage to coal faces and equipment caused by the strike but disturbing figures are already emerging.

On average the value of equipment on a coal face is between £2 million and £3 million each which means a loss of anything up to £60 million in the 21 salvage faces which will never be reopened.

A salvage face is one from which all the coal has been extracted but whose equipment is waiting to be moved to another productive face in the pit.

The impact region by region is as follows:

SCOTLAND: Ten salvage faces have been lost and 12 working faces at the following pits: Barony, Bilston Glen, Castlehill (2), Frances, Killoch, Monktonhall, Polkemmet (4) and Seafield.

YORKSHIRE: Coal Board officials estimate equipment damage at £30 million with faces lost at 14 pits. They are: Ackton Hall, Fryston, Hatfield, Rossington, Bentley, Highgate, Hoighton Main, Hickleton, Markham Main, Barrow, Bullcliffe Wood, Darfield Main, North Gawber and Treeton.

SOUTH WALES: The region has lost 15 per cent of its capacity with 11 lost faces, two at Bedwas and two at St. John's, near Maesteg, and one each at the following: Penrikyber, Celynen South, Mardy, Oakdale, Abernant, Lady Windsor and Merthyr Vale.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND: Six faces have been lost at Murton (2), Bates, Horden, Kerrington and Easington.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE: Four faces lost. Two at Markham and one each at Shirebrook and Warsop.

KENT: Two faces lost at Betteshanger and one at Tilmanstone, making a total of three.

MERSEYSIDE: One coal face lost at Bold colliery.

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Board hopes for changes in NUM

By ROLAND GRIBBEN
Business Correspondent

A STRONG hint that the Coal Board is looking for moderate miners to force changes in the leadership of their union was given yesterday by Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman.

He said the board hoped to see the emergence of a "representative leadership" in the union, acting in the interests of its members.

In his first public appearance since the decision to end the strike, Mr MacGregor, also made it clear that the board intended to continue to by-pass the union and maintain direct contact with the workforce.

But in a low key speech to the Coal Industry Society, in London, he added: "There will be no recriminations as people return to work. This is no time to talk of victory or defeat.

'Much to do'

"There is much to do, much damage to repair both in human and physical terms, much concern for the safety of our returning employees."

He gave a caution against expectations of a quick build up in production because of the need for strikers to undergo partial retraining after a year's idleness.

Mr MacGregor added: "We have survived the last 12 months despite what I believe will be seen as misguided attempts by some to bring this industry down."

He said the board had learned not to underestimate the common sense and tenacity of moderate miners, particularly in the Midlands and their "dedication to the British tradition of democratic means of achievings one's goals.

"The coal industry, and indeed the country, owes much to these men who have stood up for what they believe to be the right conduct and procedures within their union. The NUM should, as a result, be a much stronger and more practical organisation.

"They are the men who worked to preserve and secure jobs for the future. Throughout the last year they helped hold on to ur markets, which might, in some cases, have been lost for good."

Mr MacGregor saw prospects for growth in the industrial and domestic markets

Mrs Anne Scargill (third from right), wife of the NUM president, presenting an anniversary cake yesterday to pickets at Cortonwood Colliery, Yorks, where the strike began a year ago.

Walk-out at pit as working miner is given the sack

WORKING miners at Kiveton Park colliery, near Sheffield, walked out on strike yesterday, less than 24 hours before striking miners were due to go back.

The 200-strong afternoon shift rejoined the strike after a working miner was sacked.

Mr Trevor Wilson, 32, was summoned to the manager's office towards the end of the morning shift and was told he was being sacked, on the spot, following a conviction of besetting a working miners' house—committed while he was on strike.

Mr Wilson, who has worked at the pit for 10 years, said: "I couldn't believe it. There have been no complaints about me working at the pit for the last two months, but as soon as the strike is called off they have decided to sack me."

"It stinks. I have just been used by the Coal Board." His conviction was last year.

A board spokesman said: "I can confirm that two men have been dismissed for gross industrial misconduct, one for theft of coal and the other for intimidating a working miner in his home."

'It's not over yet'

THE mood at Cortonwood, near Barnsley, Yorkshire, where the strike began a year ago, was one of relief tinged with disillusionment.

In the early morning, 1,000 pickets not all of them miners, massed outside the pit gates for one of their final ritual confrontations with police at 96 working miners, including four new faces, clocked on.

But it was a pale shadow of the pitched battles of last spring. Police said four stones and a bottle were thrown. "In our terms that is absolutely non-violent," said a spokesman.

In the village of Brampton which surrounds Cortonwood, one trader described the situation as "something of an anticlimax."

"The people here have mixed feelings," said Mr Dil Ahmad, 54, co-owner of the village supermarket. "They never thought it would end like this."

Mr Ahmad, who has had £15,000 worth of damage done to his property, and £4,000 worth of goods stolen in the last three months, added: "I am happier now, but it's not over yet. If they close down the pit, the village of Brampton will just die."

One picket at Cortonwood said the return to work vote had "broken his heart."

"I cried my eyes out," said 14-stone Kevin Cooper, 24, who has been on the picket lines every day for a year and has been arrested twice.

"I'm just glad it was 12 months. I am proud and happy about that. I think we have made a point," said the man who confessed he had lost £3,000 in pay and was now "£1,500 in debt."

In the miner's club, the mention of certain names brought cheers, boos or guffaws. Names that made faces light up were Scargill (total hero worship), Sir Derek Ezra (best boss we ever had). Getting the opposite reaction were Ian MacGregor and Joe Gormley, who was accused of causing trouble by introducing the bonus scheme.

The younger miners declared they would turn round and go home this morning if there was "just one picket" on the Cortonwood gate.

Kevin Cooper went further: "If there is a picket on tomorrow, I shan't go home, I'll go and stand with him."

Shouted another Cortonwood miner: "Here we go, here we go, here we go . . ."

"He realises he is a marked man," his family said last night. "But like others who went back with him, he is not giving way and can look after himself, even if they send him to Coventry."

Mr Billy Stobbs, Durham's NUM executive spokesman, said: "What the scabs did will never be forgotten.

Another test of courage

WORKING miners, who are in the minority at the three most militant pits in the Durham coalfield, face "another test of courage today when returning strikers will outnumber them 20-to-one.

The daily running-of-the-gauntlet past screaming pickets will be replaced by what area NUM officials said yesterday would, at least, be "a campaign of silence."

The Coal Board's regional headquarters paid tribute yesterday to "the outstanding loyalty and bravery" of the miners who had worked during the year-long dispute. But a spokesman said no special protection was planned for them today.

"This is a return to work and we expect things to be normal."

The spokesman would not discuss what would happen to returning strikers who failed to co-operate. But it was widely understood that any refusal to work normally, including the sharing of cages down to the pit face, would lead to disciplinary action and, if repeated, possible dismissal.

Mr Paul Wilkinson, 29, the first man back in the Durham coalfield, and whose court action brought a judge's ruling accepted by union leaders to curb intimidation by pickets, was at work at the Easington colliery as usual yesterday.

Asked about the presence of union militants on the same shift, he said: "No one is keeping me from my work."

Marching back together

MINERS at Mardy pit in the Rhondda Valley of South Wales, where the strike remained 100 per cent. solid, will march back to work together behind union banners today to the accompaniment of the colliery brass band.

"We are not going back in defeat, but with our heads held high," said faceworker Bernard Maslim.

Mr Terry Thomas, South Wales NUM vice-president, said that the moment he stood on the rostrum to move the resolution for tomorrow's return to work "was probably the most difficult I will ever have to move."

"My personal feelings were that we had reached a stage where the survival of the union had become the paramount issue.

"Mrs Thatcher set out to destroy the union. What we have done is to prevent her from succeeding."

EDWARDES DENIAL

By Our Business Correspondent

Sir Michael Edwardes, former British Leyland chairman and now head of Dunlop, said yesterday he intended to stay with Dunlop, currently fighting a takeover bid from BTR, the industrial conglomerate. He denied that he was in contact with either Coal Board officials or Ministers on any Coal Board matter.

Police under scrutiny

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

A COMPREHENSIVE assessment of police handling of the miners' strike and its shortcomings has been requested by Mr Brittan, Home Secretary.

The review, to be carried out by Sir Lawrence Byford, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, is expected to result in new guidelines on the handling of potentially violent industrial disputes.

Ministers acknowledge that the policing of the strike has brought to light failures of leadership, tactics and training which need to be guarded against in future.

They also accept that at least a portion of the criticism of police by miners' support groups and "police watch" groups is justified.

The new police guidelines which will emerge from the review will complement expected changes in the law on public order arising from the conduct of the strike.

A review of the Public Order Act of 1936 at the instigation of the Law Commission was well under way when the strike began.

When Mr Brittan publishes his findings this spring, they are expected to include a number of points on mass picketing.

One aspect unlikely to be dwelt on for long is the role of the National Reporting Centre at Scotland Yard in organising "mutual aid" for those forces under pressure.

Ministers feel that the centre has proved its worth, though there may be points of detail to be examined.

Wounds must be healed

Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers yesterday called on police and mining communities to work together to heal the wounds inflicted by the strike.

PICKETS BREAK WINDOWS AT 'CLOSURE' PIT

Pickets broke windows and caused havoc yesterday at Polmaise Colliery in Scotland a National Coal Board spokesman said.

Polmaise is one of five pits whose listing for closure led to the strike due to end today. Shortly after yesterday's incident an National Union of Mineworkers safety worker had a heart attack which was unconnected with earlier violence, the NCB said.

Six lives were lost during th year-long dispute. Five were miners and the sixth was a Cardiff taxi driver. Mr David Wilkie, killed while driving a working miner to work. Three striking miners have been charged with his murder.

Work for 11,500 in oilfield expansion

By Our Business Correspondent

MORE than 11,500 jobs will be created in the planned £265 million expansion of the Wytch Farm oilfield, near Poole, Dorset, the biggest onshore find in Britain.

BP wants to increase output from 4,000 to 40,000 barrels a day. The move is being strenuously opposed by environmentalists.

The estimates of the economic spin-off have been given to Dorset County Council by PEIDA, Edinburgh-based consultants, for BP which is seeking planning permission to expand output.

The consultants believe that during the three-year development phase about £46 million of orders will be placed locally and there will be jobs for 200 during the field's operating life.

SALISBURY VIEWS 'AT RISK'

Conservationists fear views of Salisbury cathedral would be threatened by an attempt to sink a 5,000 ft exploratory bore hole on the outskirts of the city by Shell U.K.

The company is seeking planning permission to erect a 1250ft derrick on a three-acre site two miles south-west of the city, not far from Harnham Water Meadows across which John Constable painted the Cathedral.

BINDING OVER FOR PICKET

A miner from South Yorkshire yesterday appeared at Nottingham Magistrates Court accused of obstructing the police during the mass picket at Harworth colliery, near Worksop, Notts. Alex Henderson, 25, agreed to be bound over in the sum of £100 for six months.

Mr Dennis Quinn, prosecuting, told magistrates that Henderson, of Mexborough, Yorks, was among dozens of pickets turned back at a police road block at a roundabout near Harworth colliery on June 13.

MORTGAGE DEBT HOPE FOR MINERS

Many striking miners who failed to meet mortgage payments and arrears may be able to secure loans which will treat the mortgage and arrears as one new advance.

"The societies have been very flexible over the past year, and in many cases social security payments have covered the interest charged, but now we are expecting every borrower to be visiting their society to discuss what is outstanding," said a Building Societies' Association spokesman.

104 JOBS TO GO

One of Leicester's oldest knitwear companies, J. H. Greenwood, is to close with a loss of 104 jobs. The firm was founded more than 100 years ago and is part of the Burton tailoring group. It has had losses over the past three years.

Packing plant shuts

The Norsk Hydro Fertilizer Company are closing their packing plant at Cliff Quay, Ipswich, with the loss of 68 jobs.

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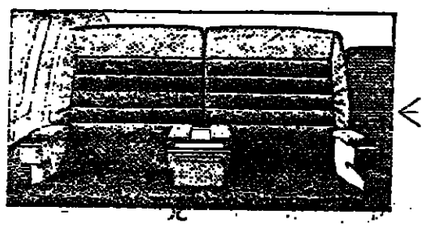

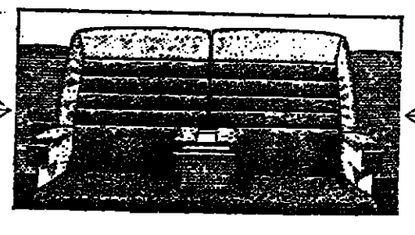

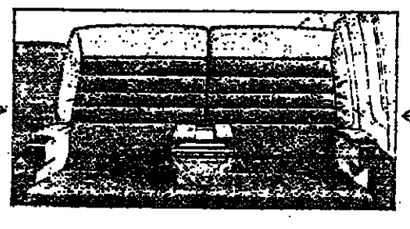

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Pilot's 800-mile drive to dump body in Wast Water

LADY IN LAKE 'DIED FIGHTING LIKE A TIGER'

By HEATHER MILLS

THE Lady in the Lake murder trial jury listened yesterday to the story of how airline pilot PETER HOGG drove nearly 800 miles across England in a day with the body of his faithless wife in the boot of his car to establish an alibi.

For seven and a half years that alibi held up. Her disappearance attracted no suspicion, and she might have lain undiscovered forever at the bottom of the country's deepest lake, Wast Water, where he dumped her, weighted with concrete, from a dinghy at dead of night.

But during a search for a missing French student last year divers discovered her.

She was quickly identified because Hogg had forgotten to remove her wedding ring, inscribed "Margaret 15.11.65 Peter." Yesterday her husband, of Mead Road Cranleigh, Surrey, now 56 and grey-haired, went on trial at the Old Bailey for murder.

He denies it, although he admits that she died at their home on Oct. 17, 1976, and that he dumped the body in Wast Water.

Airline pilot Peter Hogg on his way yesterday to the Old Bailey where a jury was told that he strangled his wife and dumped her body in Wast Water—England's deepest lake. With him is Mrs Rosemary Steele, a friend.

Mrs Margaret Hogg: "Body weighted with concrete."

Week of adultery

He has been on bail, and arrived at court with a woman friend, Mrs Rosemary Steele.

Mr ANTHONY HACKING, Q C, prosecuting, said that MARGARET HOGG, 37, was having an affair with a man named GRAHAM RYAN, whom she met in 1975.

She had been a former air hostess, but was running a restaurant in Cranleigh, Surrey, while her husband was a pilot with Dan Air.

They had two sons, David and Geoffrey, but neither was at home the weekend of October 16-17, 1976, when Mrs Hogg died.

She had returned home on Saturday the 16th after spending a week at a cottage in Dorset with her lover.

They met again on the Sunday morning and when Mrs Hogg went home for lunch a furious row developed in the bedroom, her husband claimed.

"According to Hogg, she came at him like a tiger, scratching him all over his face with her fingernails, and then kicked him in the crutch," said Mr Hacking.

"He punched her hard in the face, catching her with his signet ring above the eye, which poured blood.

"She came at him again punching and kicking. At this point he lost control, got her by the throat and squeezed hard until she stopped squirming.

"He had strangled her to death. She was dead before she slumped forward on to the floor."

Mr Hacking told the jury that blood was pouring from Mrs Hogg's head on the floorboards. Hogg's immediate reaction was "horror, plus a realisation he would have to do something before she stiffened up."

He got some flex and rope and trussed her up, made a parcel of her with some plastic material, then locked the bedroom door until it was safe to move her body into the boot of his car at night, after his seven-year-old son Geoffrey—who had returned from visiting a friend—was asleep, and the au pair had also gone to bed.

He dragged his wife's body downstairs and put it in the boot with a second parcel containing bloodstained clothing and books.

"Obviously he had to dispose of her body. He knew the Lake District very well, and he decided the safest way to get rid of her body without trace was to drop it, loaded down with concrete, into the deepest lake he knew, Wast Water—the deepest lake in England," said Mr Hacking.

The next day he "began to put an alibi together to disguise his real plan for the disposal of her body."

He arranged an appointment with his 11-year-old son David's boarding school headmaster at Taunton, and drove the 136 miles to the school with his wife's body in the boot.

Also in the car was an inflatable dinghy and a concrete block with a hole in it which he picked up at Gatwick.

Midnight puddle

Assuming everyone would think he was spending the night at Taunton, he then drove 525 miles north from Somerset to the Lake District, arriving at Wast Water at midnight.

He inflated the dinghy, put in the body, the parcel of bloodstained clothing and the concrete block, and rowed out to the middle of the lake.

He tied the body and parcel to the concrete and tipped it into the dark water.

"As he rowed back to the shore he must have thought he had got away with it," said Mr Hacking. "He certainly acted as though he had."

He drove back through the night to Taunton, collected David for his half-term holiday next day and returned to Cranleigh.

Hogg told anyone who asked that his wife had left him, and reported her missing to Cranleigh police station.

Hogg began divorce proceedings, citing Mr Ryan, and swore an affidavit that his wife had left him and he had no idea where she was.

'A right bitch'

Until February, 1984 Hogg — a man of good character, spoken of very highly, and described as a devoted father — "kept his dreadful secret to himself," said Mr Hacking.

Then the body was recovered, perfectly preserved in the ice-cold water 110 ft down. It was waxlike, and even the clothing was intact, down to the black suspender belt.

The wedding ring and the name of a Guildford firm on the plastic wrapping led detectives straight to Hogg.

He claimed his wife had walked out after an argument.

"I wasn't sorry, I was glad to see her go," he is said to have told them.

"She left me. She was a right bitch to me, and I had a hard time bringing up the two boys.

"I got rid of my car when we had financial troubles, but she wouldn't get rid of hers. She went bombing around in it all the time meeting her boy friend."

Told that her body had been discovered during the search for the French student, he allegedly said: "That was unlucky, wasn't it?"

After a "hypothetical" discussion about murder and manslaughter, Hogg was asked if he had killed her.

He is said to have replied: "I don't know if 'kill' is the right word. Certainly she died. I think I strangled her."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Thatcher aide 'falsely accused by paper'

A POLITICAL aide to the Prime Minister was falsely accused by a Sunday newspaper of having his "hand in the till" when he ran a North London housing association, a High Court judge and libel jury were told yesterday.

Mr RICHARD HARTLEY, Q C, for Mr Derek Howe, a journalist who works in the political office at No. 10 Downing Street, said a November, 1982 article in the SUNDAY TIMES attacked him "in a particularly vicious way, because of who he worked for.

"You can almost sense the writer and the SUNDAY TIMES gloating over the embarrassment to the Conservative party, the embarrassment to Mrs Thatcher and, of course, to Mr Howe," Mr Hartley told Mr JUSTICE CANTLEY and the jury.

Mr Howe, of Dolphin Square, Pimlico, is suing TIMES NEWSPAPERS LTD, and DAVID ROSE, a journalist, claiming damages alleging libel.

TIMES NEWSPAPERS and Mr Rose deny libel. They claim the words complained of do not bear the meaning alleged, and that they were true. They also contend the article was justified and fair comment.

Mr Howe is also suing the London weekly events magazine TIME OUT alleging libel in a similar article, also written by Mr Rose. TIME OUT deny libel, claiming the words do not bear the defamatory meaning alleged, and that they were true.

Housing inquiry

The articles claimed that a barrister conducting an inquiry into the running of Stronghridge Housing Association had called in Scotland Yard to look into its financial affairs.

Mr Howe was on the association's management committee, until he resigned two months before the articles appeared. Mr Howe contended that the articles implied that he tried to obstruct the inquiry.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

GOALKEEPER ATTACKED DOORMAN

WATFORD TOWN'S goalkeeper, who lied to police to try to cover up a "vicious attack" he made on a disco doorman more than twice his age, was saved from prison yesterday after his manager spoke up for him in court.

TONY COTON, 23, was given a suspended jail sentence and fined £500 by magistrates at Tamworth, Staffordshire. He was also ordered to pay £200 compensation to the doorman. He had punched him around the head, forcing him to his knees, and then hit again.

Coton, who had admitted at a previous hearing assaulting Mr Paul Kettle, 54, last June, was said to have two previous convictions for violence.

Mr GRAHAM TAYLOR, Watford manager, said that since joining the club last September, Coton had been absolutely first-class, with an exemplary record on the field. He could not speak too highly of him.

'SCOUT LEADER' PREYED ON BOYS

A man who dressed up as a scout leader and preyed on young boys at scout camps was jailed for eight years at Norwich Crown Court yesterday.

Michael Carter, 35, a builder, of Bullfields, Bishop's Stortford, Herts., admitted offences against boys, one aged seven.

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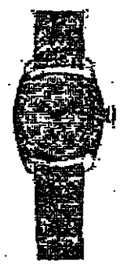

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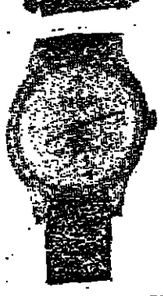

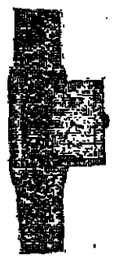

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190 would-be brides for 142 bachelors

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

A WESTERN film shown on Spanish television could mean an end at the weekend to loneliness for 142 bachelors in the isolated mountain valley of Gistain, high in the Pyrenees.

The film told how pioneers in California sent east for wives, so the regulars of the Bar Ruche in the small village of Plan advertised for wives to share their rugged life.

Aged between 20 and 50, the bachelors were soon inundated by an avalanche of letters, telephone calls and even telegrams. Before long well over 500 applications had been received.

A committee was quickly formed to cope with the problem and it was decided to hold a three-day fiesta when the "chosen few" would be entertained and, hopefully, matches made. The fiesta starts on Thursday.

From all over Spain the women will start arriving tomorrow in special buses. And to make sure there is a wide choice the 142 single men have invited 190 senoritas.

TWO ACCUSED OF SECURICOR ROBBERY PLOT

Paul Gray, 20, and Delroy Rowe, 24, were accused at Clerkenwell court yesterday of conspiracy to rob outside Bejam freezer centre in Islington on Saturday.

Gray, unemployed, of Islington Park Street, Islington, and Rowe, unemployed, of Bounces Road, Edmonton, are both charged with plotting together and with others to rob Securicor. Rowe is further charged with possessing a revolver. They were remanded in custody until March 18.

Palace chef stole £1 at knifepoint

CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN protested: "I'm a Queen's chef" when he was arrested for threatening a man with a knife to steal £1, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

O'Brien, 19, of Hills View, Polperro, Cornwall, pleaded guilty to carrying an offensive weapon, not guilty to robbery but guilty to theft.

The court was told he had followed PATRICK ASHE in the early hours one morning last June near Kings Cross.

Vicious knife

When Mr Ashe dropped a £1 note at a late-opening garage shop O'BRIEN put his foot on it and said: "If you reach down for that you won't come up again," and threatened Mr Ashe twice with "a vicious flick knife," said Mr JUSTIN WOGODER, prosecuting.

O'Brien later told police he was carrying a knife because "it is London isn't it, with all these murders and stabbings," Mr Wogoder told the court.

Always polite

O'Brien worked at Buckingham Palace as a trainee chef at the time of his arrest and a Palace official described him as "keen on his work, always polite and quiet, and someone who got on well with the rest of the cooks."

Mr MICHAEL PARKER, assistant to the Master of the Household told the court: "The Royal chef who is directly responsible for him on day-to-day basis spoke in very good ways about him."

However, O'Brien, who worked at the Palace for 10 months, was dismissed after his arrest last June.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

'WIZARDS' BURNED

Four people branded as wizards were beaten to death and their bodies set alight in the South African tribal homeland of Kangwane. Newspapers said the brother of the victim of a car crash claimed the four caused his death by witchcraft. —Reuter.

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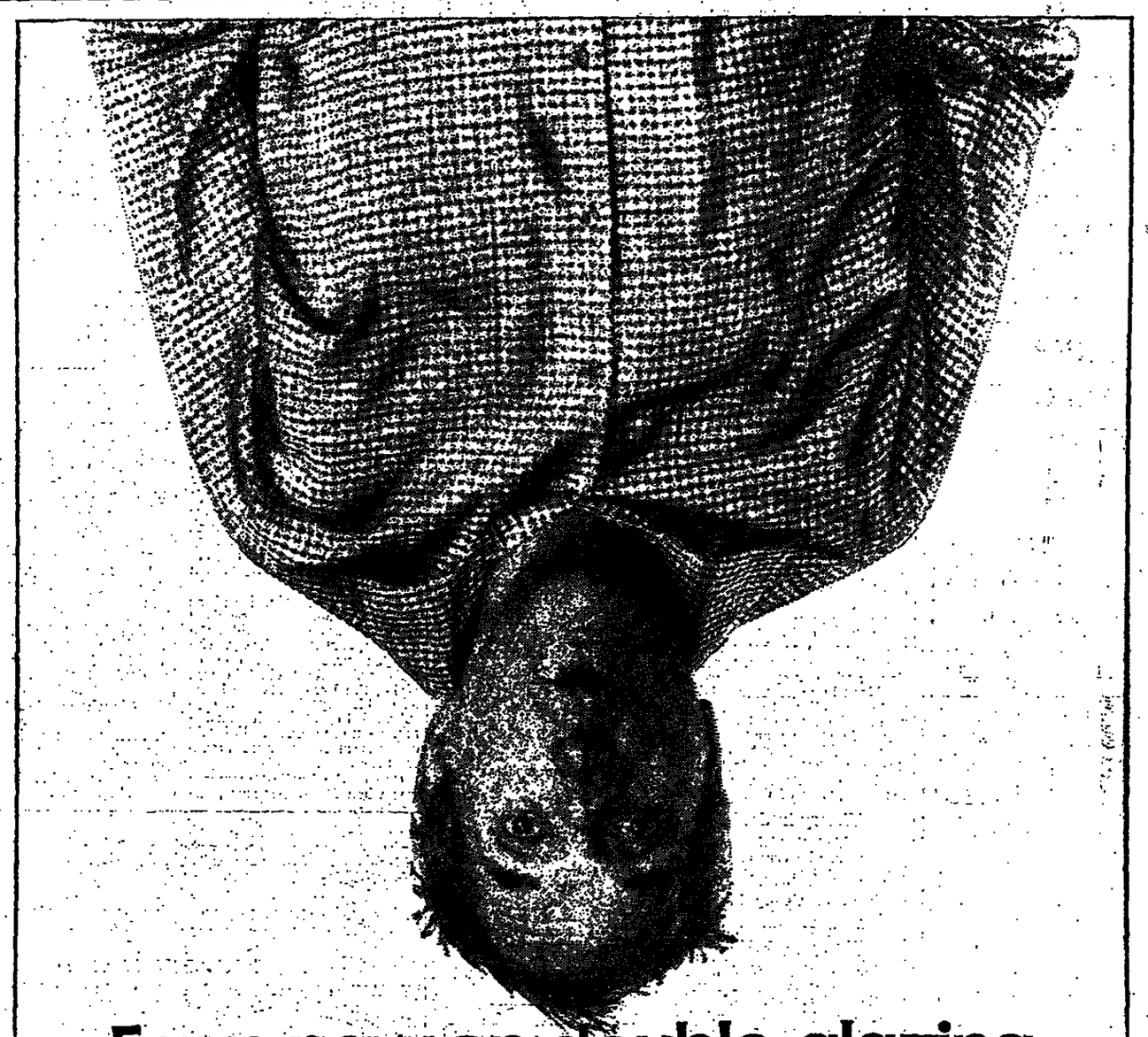

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OUTLOOK BLEAK FOR U.S. 'SAFER WORLD' PLAN

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

THE STRATEGIC master-plan that American negotiators will pursue at the renewed arms control talks with Russia that start next week in Geneva is aimed at creating an incomparably safer world.

But its authors admit it will take decades to achieve even in the best of circumstances, and with Russia and America accusing each other of cheating on existing disarmament pacts the outlook looks bleak.

Furthermore, the Nato allies and America itself are uncertain and divided about the major new element in the equation, President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, widely dubbed "star wars," designed to shield the West from missile attack.

This space defence concept is largely, but not entirely, futuristic. Some of the "hardware" has been taken over from earlier research projects for ground-based anti-missile and anti-satellite systems, and is already being tested.

But the idea of using laser beams and other potential space-based methods of destroying approaching warheads is no more than a remote concept at present.

Moscow concerned

Moscow is evidently concerned about what it calls the threatened "militarisation of space" and has said it will not sign any arms control pact unless America abandons the scheme.

Despite all the complexities and mutual suspicion, both sides are trying to persuade public opinion at home and abroad that they are doing their utmost to defuse the threat of nuclear war, while their rivals are doing the opposite.

Last week the Russian Embassy in Washington took the unusual step of buying space in the WASHINGTON POST to run the two-column text of a PRAVDA editorial accusing America of "torpedoing" the earlier Geneva talks on long-range and medium-range missiles and consistently violating existing nuclear arms pacts.

America for its part has been accusing Russia of infringing the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty by building a giant radar complex at Krasnoyarsk in central Siberia and breaking the unratified Salt 2 strategic arms pact by illegally developing a second new land-based strategic missile.

But despite this propaganda war American officials hope that the tripartite Geneva talks—on space defences, strategic weapons and medium-range missiles—will get going in earnest.

Mr Paul Nitze, the seasoned disarmament negotiator who is the chief architect of the American bargaining position, said last week that the aim was to approach the ultimate goal of abolishing all nuclear weapons in three phases:

1. Over the next 10 years, while nuclear retaliation remained the basis of deterrence, America would press for "radical cuts" in the number and power of both strategic and medium-range weapons. It would also pursue research into space defence systems.

2. Assuming that such new defensive technologies proved feasible, a "tricky" transition period would then ensue, with deterrence coming to rely on a mix of offensive and defensive systems on both sides.

3. Ultimately the aim would be to reduce all nuclear weapons to zero.

Gromyko and Genscher in 3-hour talks

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE West German Foreign Minister, Herr Genscher, had nearly three hours of talks with his Soviet counterpart, Mr Gromyko, in Moscow yesterday. They also spoke for 90 minutes at lunch.

Later Herr Genscher held a Press conference at which he avoided saying why his unexpected visit was arranged over the weekend at short notice. He was less than 24 hours in Moscow before leaving for Helsinki on his way to Poland.

Herr Genscher said he emphasised to Mr Gromyko Bonn's hopes for a "positive outcome" from the United States-Soviet arms talks which open in Geneva today week. West Germany wanted to make a contribution to the success of the talks.

But he refused to be drawn into specific detail and left reporters puzzled about the substance of his discussions.

'Distorted light'

Tass news agency said Herr Genscher gave "the old known viewpoint" on the need for American missiles in West Germany and "tried to interpret the American actions in outer-space in a distorted light."

Mr Gromyko told him that Bonn would torpedo the whole nuclear disarmament process if it agreed to help research on President Reagan's space-based Strategic Defence Initiative, Tass said.

It added that Mr Gromyko "gave a principled evaluation of United States policies as the prime cause of current international tensions."

Herr Genscher said he drew Mr Gromyko's attention to Chancellor Kohl's statement last week that West Germany did not lay claim to any Polish territory.

The atmosphere between Bonn and Moscow has recently been soured by repeated Soviet charges that West Germany is reviving claims to eastern territories lost after the 1939-45 War.

Herr Genscher was asked if Mr Gromyko gave him any hope that Moscow was ready to drop these allegations, but again he avoided a specific answer.

Trust vital

On Geneva, Herr Genscher said it was vital to build an atmosphere of trust if the talks were to succeed.

"European states should play an important role to help promote positive developments between East and West," he said. "They should not be just content with the role of bystanders."

Herr Genscher was asked if West Germany feared that differences between the superpowers over space weapons might prevent agreement on the issue of medium-range Euro-missiles.

He once more declined to be drawn and referred only to Bonn's acceptance of an "inter-relationship" between the three problems of medium-range, strategic and space arms which will be on the Geneva agenda.

Bonn did not expect results overnight, but the Geneva negotiations presented a "chance to open a new chapter in East-West relations," he said, adding: "And here we would like to make a contribution of our own . . . My goal here has been to emphasise the sincerity of our intentions and the seriousness of our readiness for constructive co-operation."

ROLE FOR BONN

Consultations needed

MICHAEL FARR IN BONN *writes*: The West German Government said yesterday that Herr Genscher's hastily-arranged visit was necessary since Bonn needed to consult with Russia as well as America before the opening of a new round of arms talks in Geneva.

Herr Peter Boenisch, the chief Government spokesman, added that it was also Bonn's view that the East-West dialogue should not be left merely to the two super-powers and that European powers had a role to play.

A partially collapsed block of flats in Santiago after the severe earthquake which rocked central Chile on Sunday night.

PRICES OF FOOD RISE IN POLAND

FOOD prices rose in Polish shops yesterday for the first time in 13 months amid grumbles from queueing housewives and old-age pensioners.

Bread, rice, tea and some dairy products all went up but the impact was softened by higher old-age pensions and income supplements for almost 11 million people.

The increases were opposed by the banned Solidarity free trade union and officially-recognised trade unions who persuaded the communist authorities to phase them in over four months, instead of imposing planned across-the-board rises this month.

Power rise

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa urged workers to stage factory protests against the rises, which the union blamed on the government's economic incompetence.

Yesterday's rises will be followed by higher prices for meat and other foods next month and an increase in electricity, coal and gas charges in June.

The price of an average loaf went up from the equivalent of 13p to 18p, a kilo of flour from 20p to 28p and a kilo of rice from 30p to 42p. Flour rationing was lifted at the same time.

Polish workers earn an average 16,000 zloties (£108) a month. Workers interviewed in the official Press acknowledged the price rises were unpopular but echoed government criticisms of low productivity by urging Poles to cushion the effect by working harder.

People queueing in shops and supermarkets took a gloomy view. A mother of two school-age children said: "They are not going to improve the quality or the availability of food. This is mainly a blow to family budgets."—Reuter.

GLEMP LEAVES

'Satisfied' with visit

Poland's Cardinal Josef Glemp left Britain yesterday saying he was "satisfied" with his 11-day visit.

"It allowed me to deepen my knowledge of Great Britain and my affection to you all," he said at Heathrow before boarding his flight to Warsaw.

15 die in Lebanon mosque bomb explosion

By DAVID ZORIAN in Beirut

MORE THAN 15 people were killed and at least 55 injured by a bomb which ripped through a Shi'ite village mosque and Islamic teaching centre in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon yesterday.

Among the dead at the Maarakeh mosque were two Shi'ite guerrilla leaders, Mohammed Saad, 25, chief of the Amal militia, and Khalil Jeradi, a senior Amal member.

Mr Nabih Berri, Minister for Southern Lebanon, accused Israel of planting the bomb which devastated the building and trapped many villagers under mounds of rubble.

Israel, whose troops stormed Maarakeh over the weekend in search of weapons and guerrillas, dismissed Mr Berri's allegations. United Nations officials said there were no Israeli troops in the vicinity at the time.

Early reports attributed the blast to a car bomb or explosives dug in around the building and detonated by a remote control device. But United Nations officials said the explosion occurred inside.

Western intelligence sources said the cause was more likely "an accidental explosion of a bomb which the guerrillas were packing themselves."

Artillery battles

The Lebanese Cabinet, which was meeting in emergency session to discuss southern Lebanon, interrupted its deliberations and summoned the ambassadors of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the development.

As the ambassadors met President Gemayel, Prime Minister Karami and the Defence Minister, Adel Osseiran, artillery and mortar battles broke out in the hills overlooking Baabda Palace.

Police said one Lebanese soldier was killed and 11 civilians wounded.

Beirut Airport also came under fire during the day.

Police and army sources said six mortar shells crashed on the runways.

The airport was closed briefly, and an aviation source said at least one international airline company, KLM, had decided to suspend flights to Beirut pending an improvement of security there.

ISRAELI WARNING

'Serious trouble'

OUR JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT reports: The Israeli military authorities denied that Israeli troops were responsible for the Maarakeh mosque explosion.

But Mr Rabin, Defence Minister, warned Shi'ite terrorist leaders: "There will either be quiet in Lebanon for both Lebanese and Israelis or you will face serious trouble. This is a message we are trying to transmit to the Shi'ites by our actions."

Hospital stormed

Israeli troops stormed the main hospital in Tyre yesterday, beat up its director, Dr Ahmed Mroueh, and seized at least eight people queueing to give blood for victims of the Maarakeh attack, hospital officials said.—Reuter.

Democrats indulge in some soul-searching

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

AMID the ante-bellum luxury of a West Virginia country resort hotel, leaders of the Democratic party have just completed three days of deep introspection aimed at reviving the party's fortunes following last November's election débâcle.

With sights firmly set on 1988, they sought the advice of business tycoons, public relations experts and even a psychologist or two.

Having been assured by Mr Jim Wright, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, that "The party is far from dead," the Democrats heard that it is far from the healthy animal of the days of John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

There was a very real danger that, having allowed the Republicans to remain the majority party in the Senate, the Democrats would also lose control of the House they were told.

Conservative shift

The party had not only become the victim of its own "sacred cows" such as social welfare and farm support programmes, it had also failed to note the trend among voters, including young ones, towards more conservative views.

Many of those attending felt that the way Mr Reagan was presented during his campaign, the packaging of the Presidency in a television age, had a great deal to do with the Republican landslide.

Mr Ira Weinstein, billed as a "motivational psychologist," said: "Reagan was sold as a unified product brilliantly. The Reagan product was one of wellness." Mr Weinstein was giving the Democrats the benefit of his experience as a consultant to Elizabeth Arden make-up products, Polaroid cameras and cornflakes manufacturers.

One of the liveliest moments was when Mr Lee Iacocca, the ebullient chairman of Chrysler and the man credited with reviving the company from the brink of bankruptcy, launched a savage attack on the Japanese and their trading policies.

Some of the shrewdest advice to the party came from Mr Joseph Califano, who was in President Johnson's Cabinet.

He lamented the "Vietnamisation" of prominent Democrats—"their unyielding scepticism about America's motives, their incomprehensible acceptance at face value of so many Soviet assurances, and their knee-jerk rush to embrace the fashionable nuclear freeze."

He also accused the party of becoming an unattractive, loose federation of special interest groups

FRENCH PAY-TV NETWORK HAS £72m DEFICIT

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

France's "Channel Four," the State-sponsored pay-television network Canal Plus, launched last November, is already broke.

M. Audre Rousselet, president of the channel and of Havas, the State-controlled advertising agency, has sent a confidential letter to M. Pierre Beregovoy, Minister of Economy, admitting that Canal Plus has a deficit of 500 million francs (£72 million) and asking to be bailed out.

In his letter, leaked to the weekly LE POINT," M. Rousselet, a close friend of President Mitterrand, says he has no intention of changing his basic strategy. Canal Plus will continue to transmit "in code" receivable only by subscribers who have rented the network's "decoder." He wants to increase income from direct advertising, which is restricted to a few discreet commercials.

NUCLEAR WAR PLAN DROPPED

By Our Washington Staff

A controversial plan under which millions of American city-dwellers would be evacuated to the countryside in the event of nuclear war has been dropped by the government's civil defence agency.

Mr Russell Clanahan, an agency spokesman, confirmed that the so-called "Crisis Relocation Plan" had not been part of the emergency planners' "tool kit" for about three years but denied that was because of government budget cuts.

Mr Clanahan said that, instead of mass evacuations, a nuclear emergency would be handled by "well-trained cadres of emergency professionals." The evacuation plans would always be "an option," however.

Reagan presses for MX missile backing

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN stepped up his effort yesterday to persuade Congress to support the MX strategic missile by arguing that cancelling the weapon would undermine America's negotiating strength at the Geneva talks.

Mr Reagan has been hammering on this theme for weeks, inviting groups of Congressmen to the White House and speaking out in public for the controversial 10-warhead nuclear missile.

Congress is due to start taking a series of critical votes on funding for the MX—dubbed the Peacekeeper by Mr Regan—in about a fortnight's time. Political analysts say that sentiment which was earlier hostile to continuing the project is now beginning to shift the President's way.

Mr Robert Sims, a White House spokesman, said the basic thrust of Mr Reagan's 18-page report was that "failure to continue Peacekeeper production and deployment would significantly undercut the United State's ability to negotiate meaningful arms control agreements in Geneva and send an unmistakable signal to the Russians that we lack the resolve to maintain our national security policy of deterrence."

Victory in doubt

He added that this month's votes would be crucial and the President was personally involved because "we are not confident of victory in either House."

Four separate votes, two in the House of Representatives and two in the Senate, are needed to release $1·5 billion that Congress voted last year for the MX programme.

But opposition to the missile was so strong at the time that pro-Reagan forces were able to keep the project alive only by accepting a compromise laying down that the funds—to build a second batch of 21 missiles—could be spent only if Congress acted anew in the Spring.

E. GERMANS ALLOWED EXIT VISAS

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

THE first of the more than 200 East German refugees who occupied West German embassies in the East Bloc last autumn have arrived at the reception centre at Giessen, West Germany.

A spokesman for the Inner German Ministry in Bonn confirmed yesterday that "a significant number" of those who had sought asylum in the embassies in Prague, Warsaw, Budapest and Bucharest had been granted exit visas in the past two months

He would not be drawn on how many had so far arrived in the West, but it is known that among them is an East German woman who, because she was in an advanced state of pregnancy, was one of the first to give up the occupation of the Prague Embassy and return home last year. Her family has also been allowed out to the West.

Transit camp

The last refugees left the palatial embassy building in Prague for home in mid-January having gained an undertaking from East Berlin that they would not be prosecuted and that they could apply for exit visas.

All East German emigrés on arriving in West Germany have to register initially at the refugees transit camp at Giessen.

Between 30 and 40 refugees have recently been arriving daily, slightly above the average but well below the record numbers registered a year ago when East Berlin allowed thousands of dissidents out in return for major West German bank credits backed by Bonn.

STRIKES HIT DANES

Thousands of workers staged strikes and demonstrations in major Danish cities yesterday, disrupting public transport, industry and schools. Unions want a 35-hour week and wage rises in excess of two per cent.—Reuter.

'14 wise men' to study Vatican finances

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

WAYS of dealing with the Vatican's continuing financial deficit will be examined from today by a council of "14 wise men", specially chosen cardinals from all over the world.

The Holy See is believed to have lost £28 million during the past year. Moves to raise more cash had failed, officials said last night.

The Pope will be kept informed about the discussions, which are due to end on Thursday night. They are the first since the controversial Vatican bank settled a dispute with the old Ambrosiano Bank by handing over $240,900,000 (£225 million).

The Milan-based Ambrosiano Bank, now reborn and flourishing under new management, used to be owned by the late financier Roberto Calvi, found hanged under London's Blackfriars Bridge in June, 1982. He was known as "God's banker" because of his close links with the Vatican bank.

The cardinals will be briefed about the Vatican's financial plight by the Italian-born Cardinal Giuseppe Caprio, president of the Prefecture for the Holy See's Economic Affairs.

They are also expected to hear about the demands for salary increases and better fringe benefits by the Vatican's 1,620 employees, who last week threatened a strike if their demands were not met.

MINISTER FIRED BY MARCOS

President Marcos of the Philippine yeterday peremptorily fired Mr Arturo Tolentino, the Foregin Minister, and asked Mr Blas Ople, Labour Minister, to explain remarks he made about the government.

In a letter to Mr Tolentino, the President said his position on certain issues was "incompatible with those of the party and government." Mr Ople must explain his statements that the political system of government "is heavily dependent on patronage." — Reuter.

HUNGER STRIKE BY 70 ISLAND MILITANTS

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

More than 70 jailed independence militants in the French territory of New Caledonia yesterday began a hunger strike at their detention camp in Noumea. Known as Kanaks they are under "preventive detention" awaiting trial on armed rebellion charges.

In Thio, a village on the east coast which has been the scene of violence, gendarmes carrying rifles escorted French children to school. The independence movement has said it will open special Kanak schools for natives.

On Sunday a number of houses belonging to Europeans and to a nickel mining company were set on fire and a bridge near the company pier blown up.

RUSSIA VISIT

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

M. Roland Dumas, French Foreign Minister, will visit the Soviet Union from March 10-12, the Quai d'Orsay announced last night.

Libyan exiles expect more hit squads

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

LIBYA is preparing a new murder campaign following Col. Gaddafi's defence of his regime's right to kill its opponents, according to Libyan exiles.

During a three-hour speech to a People's Congress, Col Gaddafi said: "We have the right to take a legitimate and sacred action—an entire people liquidating its opponents inside and abroad in broad daylight."

The Libyan leader said Western Governments were supporting movements hostile to his country, and particularly singled out West Germany, Britain and America.

"If they consider these [exile movements] democratic opposition, we consider the Baader Meinhof members, the Red Brigades and the Irish Republican Army as revolutionary opposition."

At Col Gaddafi's prompting, the People's Congress passed resolutions calling on Britain to stop protecting "stray dogs"—Libyan exiles—before relations between the two countries could be restored.

In fact, Libya has already set up a special group, the Mutarabeson, for action in Britain. The group, whose title means roughly "always ready", is made up of young men who have studied in the West, often in Britain.

Its ranks are expected to be increased by selected students recalled from Britain last week. The Libyan regime has ordered hundreds of students home, largely as an economy measure, but also for political reasons.

Col Gaddafi intends to weed out any young men and women not totally committed to his regime, and from those who are found to be totally loyal, recruit for his hit squads.

Overcrowded cell for Nigeria Britons

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

THE Nigerian acting High Commissioner, Mr Karfi, will visit the Foreign Office today to hear a complaint from Mr Rifkind, Minister of State, about the conditions in which two British aircraft engineers are being held in a Lagos maximum security prison.

The men, Mr Kenneth Clark and Mr Angus Patterson, were visited in the Kirri Kirri prison on Friday by a British High Commission official, Mr Ian Kydd. They told him they were in an overcrowded cell and the food was inadequate and unsuitable.

The prison governor has been asked whether food can be sent in to the men, and the acting High Commissioner, Mr Arthur Wyatt, has been asked to raise the men's conditions with government ministers and officials.

Mr Clark and Mr Patterson, both of Aberdeen, are due to appear in a Lagos court on March 19 on charges of stealing an aircraft and conspiring to steal it. They were detained last May, had the charges dropped during a hearing in January but were rearrested immediately outside the court.

Until their transfer to Kirri Kirri prison last month the men were held in better circumstances by the police.

Their plight is believed to be linked with the case of Mr Umru Dikko, the former Nigerian cabinet minister whom the Nigerians have asked Britain to extradite in connection with corruption charges.

IRAQIS 'KILL 11'

Iraqi planes yesterday attacked an unfinished Iranian nuclear plant and a steel plant in the Gulf with Exocet rockets, killing at least 11 people, the national Iranian news agency IRNA said.—Reuter.

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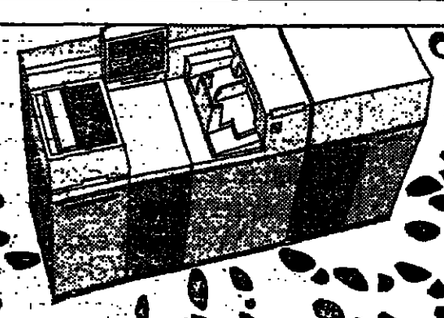

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ANZUS TREATY 'NO LONGER OPERATIVE'

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE Anzus Treaty as a trilateral relationship between Australia, New Zealand and the United States has ceased to function with the indefinite postponement of its annual meeting at which defence and foreign ministers were to discuss the security of the South Pacific and Indian Ocean.

The meeting, due to be held in Canberra in July, was called off on the initiative of the United States.

Announcing the cancellation yesterday, Mr Hawke, Australian Prime Minister, said the meeting had become impracticable following the breakdown of relations between the United States and New Zealand.

He said the treaty had in effect become inoperative and the government had no alternative but to put off the council meeting.

His announcement followed the arrival in Sydney harbour of two United States conventionally-powered destroyers, the Buchanan and the John Young, which are due to take part in exercises with the Royal Australian Navy next week.

The ships were greeted by anti-nuclear demonstrators ashore and afloat.

A Greenpeace yacht evaded police boats and attempted to cross the John Young's bows. Two anti-nuclear protesters were arrested and charged with negligent navigation.

Following standard practice, American authorities refused to confirm or deny whether the destroyers were carrying nuclear warheads.

Mr Hawke told reporters: "I think you would have to say that in so far as Anzus is a trilateral relationship, there is nothing that is operative now. The treaty itself remains."

Treaty remains

He said his responsibility was to ensure that Australia did everything possible to see that its essential national security was maintained.

Australia would continue its defence relations with New Zealand but would in no way interfere with the breakdown in relations between New Zealand and the United States or try to alter the firm position of those two countries.

It would have been difficult to hold meaningful discussions at the Anzus council meeting, since intelligence from the United States was now denied to New Zealand.

The continued existence of the treaty as such was not in dispute by any members of the alliance. "I am saying that it exists, but it is not operative in respect of the significant elements of it which had previously been operating," he said.

Asked whether he would now seek a bilateral defence treaty with the United States, Mr Hawke replied that he did not think this would be necessary, since the United States had made it clear that it regarded the relationship between the two countries under the Anzus treaty as still operative.

Senior members of the Australian defence community, including Adml Sir Anthony Synnot, former Chief of the Defence Force Staff, have argued that it would be dangerous, and perhaps even impossible, to negotiate a bilateral treaty between the United States and Australia to replace Anzus.

Five-power link

Further complications in New Zealand's relations beyond the Anzus treaty have now shown up through its connection with Britain, Singapore and Malaysia in the Five-power Arrangement.

Britain, in particular, as America's senior ally in Nato, receives intelligence which it is said to have been passing on, no doubt in processed form, to New Zealand and Australia and to lesser extent to Singapore and Malaysia.

Those parts of this intelligence which originate in the United States will now be subject to the ban, adding to the isolation of Mr Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, and his government, and to the problems confronting the Five-power Arrangement.

'NOT CONSULTED' New Zealand regret

OUR AUCKLAND CORRESPONDENT writes: Mr Geoffrey Palmer, New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister, said yesterday that his government was not consulted about the decision to postpone the Anzus council meeting.

There had been no contact with either Australia or the United States about the scheduled talks until yesterday, when Mr Hawke summoned the New Zealand High Commissioner in Canberra to his office and told him of the decision before it was made public.

An anti-nuclear demonstrator paddling his surfboard close to the United States destroyer Buchanan when she arrived in Sydney Harbour yesterday.

Bush on the spot to assess needs of famine region

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

MR BUSH, the American Vice-President, is due to arrive in the Sudan today at the start of a week's visit to three famine-striken countries where he will assess the need for future relief programmes.

He will visit refugee camps and food centres in the Sudan, Niger and Mali.

On Monday, Mr Bush is to present his findings to a special United Nations famine relief conference in Geneva.

A spokesman said that Mr Bush would like to see other Western countries match the United States "ton for ton" in its food aid programmes for Africa.

Shultz promise

Before leaving Washington, Mr Bush said his journey was intended to "extend America's heart to those who are suffering."

Mr Bush's main interest is the long-term needs of the region. He is accompanied on the trip by Mr Peter MacPherson, who has been overseeing American aid programme's, and Mr Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

Since last October, the United States has allocated more than $400 million for one million tons of emergency food and other assistance for African countries.

Regular food programmes under the auspices of the State Department account for a further $200 million, worth while requests have been sent to Congress for $235 million in supplemental emergency assistance.

At a Senate hearing last week, Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, gave assurances that Washington would continue to "be generous" in its aid projects. Mr Bush has said there were plans to send 3·2 million tons of food to Africa this year.

Some American officials feel other countries could do more to help the starving in Africa. The Soviet bloc has been particularly parsimonious.

They estimate that last year a total of 1·3 million tons of food was shipped to Africa from the United States, more than all other countries' donations combined.

BOMB DEFUSED

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"HELP THEM GROW OLD WITH DIGNITY"

French schools going back to basics

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

THE French Government's decision to return to a more traditional concept of primary education has delighted conservatives and dismayed socialist teachers whose "progressive" ideas have dominated French schools since the 1968 student "revolution."

Paradoxically, it is M. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, leader of the Marxist "Ceres" wing of the Socialist party, who, as Education Minister, has ordered this return to the three Rs.

He dropped his bombshell at a Cabinet meeting, saying he was determined to give the country "strong, quality elementary schools, ensuring essential elementary preparation for their pupils."

Parents are increasingly critical of, even desperate about, the standards in state schools since the change to "modern" teaching methods allowing children practically to decide for themselves what they want to learn.

The strict old school discipline for which France was once famous has, for the last 20 years, been set aside as mindless cramming and learning by rote.

Incompetent pupils

But the new "liberalism," many people, including professional educators, say, has been turning out pupils who can neither spell nor add up and who know little or nothing about French history and geography.

Under the Chevenement proposals training will be given in spoken and written French (with emphasis on spelling). Mathematics will return to the four basics: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

History is back with restored emphasis on dates and events. Simple science will be compulsory.

DARWINISM OPPOSED BY 56 BISHOPS

By PAUL ANAST in Athens

THE Greek Orthodox Church yesterday called on the Athens government to stop teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution in schools and to abandon plans to legalise abortion.

The appeal was made by Bishop Nikodimos, on behalf of the Holy Synod, the church's ruling body of 56 bishops, during a televised service attended by most Cabinet members and by President Karamanlis.

The Church began mobilising its followers a few months ago when state secondary schools introduced a textbook which adopted Darwin's theory of man's evolution from apes. The Church insists man descended from Adam and Eve, who were created by God.

Last week, 5,000 priests, teachers and supporters held a noisy march on Parliament demanding an "end to atheist teachings in school."

The issue of abortion has been a sore point, even though the government has so far refrained from fulfilling its election pledge three years ago to legalise them. However, the Church feels that such decision is now imminent.

FAMINE FLIGHT CREW FREED

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

The five-men crew of a French Air Force transport who were kidnapped by guerrillas on Sunday when they landed with famine relief supplies at Lalibela, northern Ethiopia, have been freed.

The guerrillas, believed to be members of the Tigre People's Liberation Front, were reportedly occupying the airstrip, and briefly held the Frenchmen. Four doctors of the Medecins sans Frontieres organisation were not kidnapped, as had been reported.

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TEACHERS PRESS Mrs THATCHER FOR RULING ON PAY ARBITRATION

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

THE Prime Minister was drawn into the teachers' pay dispute yesterday as unions stepped up their disruptions of schools in many parts of the country.

One local authority, Conservative-controlled Solihull, West Midlands, told its 2,000 teachers that their pay would be docked at the rate of £2 each time they refuse to cover for absent colleagues.

The National Union of Teachers, with some 800 members in Solihull, described the decision as "devisive and punitive" and said it would repay any member for the loss of earnings.

Mr Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the NUT, wrote to Mrs Thatcher last night to ask whether she and the Government had changed their minds on arbitration — a move offered by employers, but rejected by the teachers' leaders from the start of negotiations.

He quoted from HANSARD and other sources at length showing that Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, had last year, during a similar dispute, opposed arbitration and stated that there was no money available even if arbitrators asked for it.

TV comment quoted

Now the Government seems to be in favour of arbitration and last week, Mr Lament, Minister of Trade, told a BBC Television audience on "Question Time" that "arbitration was the solution" to the dispute.

"Has the Government's position on arbitration changed and will it finance, by way of additional grants, any award arising from arbitration?" Mr McAvoy asked on the eve of today's crucial meeting of the teachers' panel of the Burnham salary negotiating committee.

That meeting will disclose that Sir Keith Joseph is prepared to ask the Cabinet for extra funds to finance a deal that would reform the teachers' salary structure.

In a letter to Mr Peter Dawson, secretary of the non-striking Professional Association of Teachers, Sir Keith said: "To date employers and teachers have been unable to agree upon a package, even as a basis for negotiations.

"However, should such a package emerge . . . I would be willing to take it to my colleagues for their consideration."

Mr Dawson said last night that he thought it a "hell of a cheek for the NUT to bemoan the lack of a promise from Sir Keith of more money for a new salary structure when Sir Keith had made it "unarguably clear" that he would seek more money from the Cabinet.

The NUT had refused to discuss structure and had walked out of talks.

"It's like saying that all mines must stay open however uneconomical, and that we must not discuss the economics of mining or the realities of education and what teachers are expected to do," he said.

The employers, too, have taken a step towards a peaceful solution.

In a letter to Mr Fred Jarvis, leader of the teachers' panel, Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the management panel, last night offered the appointment of a conciliator to bring both sides together.

"I must stress the need for urgency," he said.

He clearly referred to the rapid escalation of school disruption.

Rolling strikes

With the National Union of Teachers starting the second of their series of three-day strikes at 256 school todays, and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers having launched their series of "rolling lightning strikes" yesterday, about half a million children will be affected by the end of the week.

This week NAS/UWT are pulling out 750 members from etach of 11 local authorities, including Solihull, at just 24 hours notice.

In each authority, some 25 schools and 30,000 children will be affected.

Next Monday, five more authorities will join those already hit.

They will be Hereford and Worcester, Northamptonshire, Dyfed, Lancashire and Dorset, bringing the total of authorities to 16.

At Solihull, the Schoolmasters balloted members who veted 88 per cent. in favour of a "work to rule" and 83 per cent. in favour of all-out strike action.

Other unions, including the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, with 95,000 members, refused to join in disruption, but favoured arbitration.

Threat to colleges

A warning that the disruption of schools could spread to colleges of further education came yesterday from Mr David Triesman, negotiating secretary of the 78,000-strong National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education.

He said members were being balloted to see whether they favoured the withdrawal of goodwill and specified duties.

So far, the teaching unions have been offered four per cent as against a claim of about 12·5 per cent.

Last year's protracted disruption followed an offer of three per cent, later raised to 4·6 per cent, and finally ending in a 5·1 per cent rise after arbitration.

COSTS COMPARED

ILEA tops list

OUR POLITICAL STAFF writes: The cost of educating a secondary school pupil is almost twice as high in Inner London—£1,633 a year—as in Wakefield which offers the cheapest secondary education. The cost there is £828.

Mr Robert Dunn, Education Under Secretary, said in a written Commons answer that for the average primary school child, the cost under ILEA was £1,144 a year. In Somerset the cost was £601.

One of two 80ft-long hulls for a racing catamaran leaving a warehouse through a hole in the wall made yesterday by Mr Peter Phillips, a former policeman who, after building the boat with a team of volunteers, was left with the problem of getting the hulls out on to the quay at Exeter. Mr Phillips plans to sail the catamaran in international competitions.

Jenkin abused his powers on rate capping, claims QC

MR JENKIN, Environment Secretary, was accused in the High Court yesterday of acting irrationally and unfairly in setting the maximum rate levels for the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority.

Mr ROGER HENDERSON, Q C, for the two authorities, said they complained that Mr Jenkin had withheld information from them.

One case was bedevilled by mistrust on either side, he added.

The GLC and ILEA are asking the Queen's Bench Divisional Court to quash the maximum precepts set for them when Mr Jenkin used his controversial rate-capping powers under the 1984 Rates Act.

Mr Henderson said that Mr Jenkin clearly considered the authorities "profligate and irresponsible" in their spending of public money and any information provided by them "fit to be rejected."

This was an abuse of his powers and had led to his "inadequate and erroneous" approach to setting the limits lower than the authorities said they required

He added that it was that mistrust which had led Mr Jenkin to act irrationally and unfairly by withholding information detailing his asumptions and calculations used in setting the rates and by allowing them too litle time to consult with bodies affected

There was a duty in law for Mr Jenkin to act "fairly and rationally," said Mr Henderson. The fact that the authorities had refused to participate fully in early stages of negotiating the rates did not justify his actions.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

AIDS-FREE BLOOD BILL DOUBLES

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

SPECIALLY - TREATED blood supplies are being imported from America by St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth, at a cost of nearly £1 million a year to safeguard patients from Aids.

The hospital treats more than 600 haemophiliac patients and its bill for the imported blood products they need has doubled as a result of the Aids scare.

Now doctors fear that other parts of the hospital service may have to be cut to find the extra money. St Thomas's is seeking help to pay the extra bill for blood from the South East Thames Regional Health Authority.

Regular treatment

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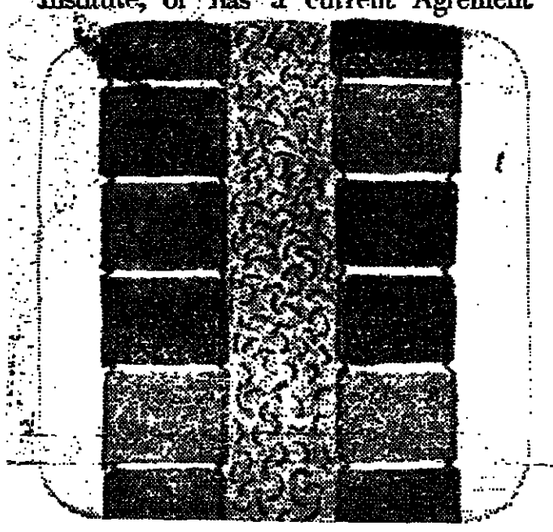

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Ford and Fiat in talks on future co-operation

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent

EUROPE'S two biggest car manufacturers, Ford and Fiat, have been having talks about common problems and possible future co-operation, Signor Vittorio Ghidella, boss of Fiat Auto, confirmed yesterday.

Italian newspapers have been speculating about a major new collaborative agreement between the companies. But Signor Ghidella said Fiat had been having talks with other big manufacturers.

"In the case of Ford we have found their problems are very similar to ours. The same is true of Volkswagen and the PSA (Peugeot-Talbot-Citroen) Group," he added. "These exchanges and meetings will multiply in the future."

Motor firms throughout Europe were facing serious problems of excess capacity, stagnant markets and aggressive competition compounded by the position of State-backed manufacturers.

Companies were trying to find points of agreement on joint production of components, and in defining major risks and areas where common strategies could be formed.

Lancia launch

Signor Ghidella, who has been responsible for a significant upturn in the fortunes of Fiat cars, was speaking at the international launch of the Lancia Y10 small car at the Geneva Motor Show. He said Lancia, now part of Fiat, had produced some 220,000 cars last year and was now making a small profit again.

Ford and Fiat are already co-operating in the application of a continuously variable automatic transmission for small cars.

Ford is announcing today a high performance 150 mph version of the Sierra with a two-litre turbo-charged 16-valve engine developed by Co-worth Engineering of Northampton.

Senior Ford executives said in Geneva last night that the talks with Fiat were to discover whether the two companies could share some of the increasingly high development costs in the car industry.

Mr Robert Lutz, chairman of Ford Europe, said: "There is no question of a merger. They are a big independent company and so are we.

JAPANESE FIRM BRINGS 150 JOBS

By Our Business Correspondent

Brother Industries, the Japanese typewriter firm, is to set up a plant at Wrexham, providing jobs for 150. The plant will be the company's European manufacturing base.

Production is expected to start later this year and output is forecast to build up to 240,000 electronic typewriters a year. Brother is the tenth Japanese firm to set up a plant in Wales

Work in fashion

Taylor Merrymade, fashion clothing manufacturers, are to create 75 new jobs at their Northampton factory, almost doubling the work force.

150 health job

A staff of 150 is to be taken on at a £4 million warehouse at Cotes Park, Alfreton, Derbyshire, a distribution centre for medical supplies to 12 district health authorities.

EEC SPLIT ON CAR POLLUTION

By ALAN OSBORN
in Brussels

BRITAIN, France and Holland will fight to persuade Germany to water down its provocative anti-pollution control proposals for new cars when EEC environment ministers meet on Thursday.

Mr Paul Channon, Trade Minister, has estimated that the scheme could cost the Community £8 billion and mean a large increase in fuel consumption plus considerable costs to consumers and the motor industry.

It is also argued that the move, if made unilaterally, would breach EEC rules covering non-discriminatory trade between member countries.

Germany suggests that from 1989 cars should have catalysers designed to bring exhaust emissions down to the American level. But there are signs that the Bonn Cabinet is divided with some ministers urging a compromise acceptable to all the EEC.

The new Commissioner for the Environment, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, said yesterday that a solution "must achieve a subsantial reduction in pollutant emissions in as short a time as possible."

But he added that "it is important that the competitive position of the Community's motor industry should be borne in mind."

CHANNEL LINK REPORT DUE WITHIN DAYS

By Our Staff Corespondent
in Paris

The Franco-British working group which is to submit proposals for building a fixed cross-Channel link, has finished its task and is expected to report to the two governments within the next few days

A team of French and British civil servants was commissioned last Nov. 30 by Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand, at the ninth Franco-British summit, to present details of the project within three months.

It is hoped that an agreement to build the link can be signed by the two countries by the end of this year, choice of project made in 1986 and work begun in 1987 with the aim of completing it by 1992.

POLICE PASSES FOR VILLAGERS

Villagers living next to the proposed cruise missile base at Molesworth are to be issued with identity passes by Cambridgeshire police.

The passes will be displayed in car windows to enable rapid movement through police road blocks. Road blocks would be continued "when necessary" to prevent peace protesters' traffic snarling up country roads leading to the base.

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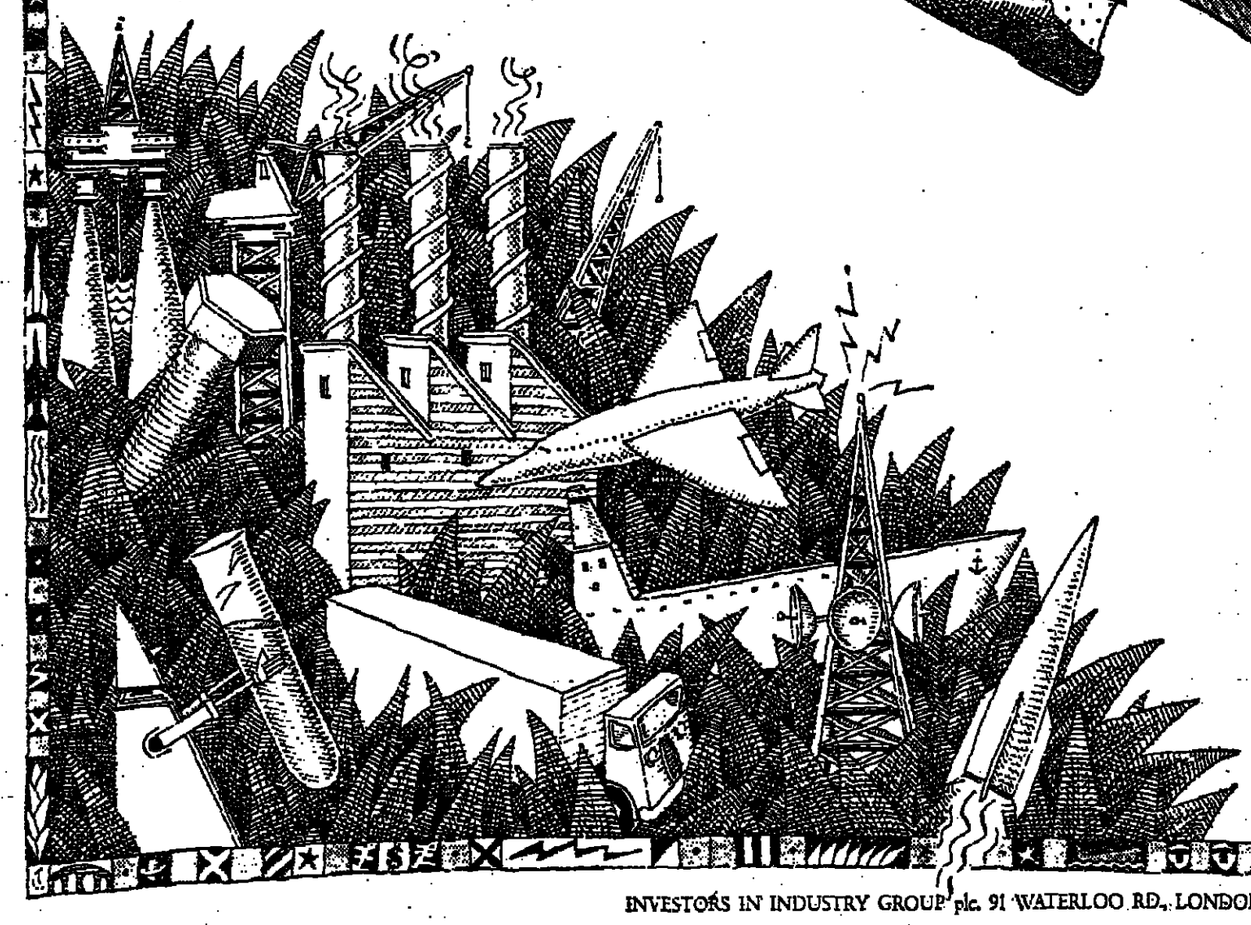

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POLICE HANDLING OF BUILDING SITE THEFTS CRITICISED

By JOHN PETTY Commercial Correspondent

AN INVESTIGATION into "lack of police concern" over thefts costing up to £400 million a year in the construction industry was urged on Mr Brittan, Home Secretary yesterday.

Five organisations representing construction firms sought action, especially on theft of such large equipment as cranes, giant excavators, compressors and generators.

They claimed that much of the equipment was "stolen to order" and shipped out of the country.

Alleged destinations have included South Africa, Egypt, Germany and Northern Ireland.

"Only a fraction of one per cent. of the major equipment stolen is recovered," said Mr Ben Norton, of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors. "That compares with 36 per cent. recovery for stolen cars in London.

"This is highly-organised criminal activity. Police just have no training on tracking stolen plant, which gets only a fraction of the attention paid to stolen cars."

Mr John Clarke, of the Society of British Gas Industries, said that "prevention of theft has gone about as far as we can take it, but detection aspects are sadly lacking."

"The police appear not to care," he said. It was even possible that police escorts had been provided on motorways for some of the stolen equipment.

Mr Colin Reeve, of the Building Employers' Confederation, said Caterpillar tractors had been stolen and buried in the ground "until the heat was off."

Examples given included use of a crane to lift a diesel welding machine from a locked compound in Manchester; a new dumper truck lifted from a compound in Manchester and an excavator stolen within hours of delivery in London and handed over the next day to a man in Northern Ireland.

Sharp escalation

A random sample of 69 companies showed that in a year they lost 347 mobile generators, 167 compressors and 55 mobile transformers.

"There has been sharp escalation of theft in the past two years," said Mrs J. Blackmore, of the National Joint Utilites Group, representing nationalised industries.

Mr Keith Wilkinson, of the Construction Plant-Hire Association, said the rate of escalation was "very worrying."

Crackdown on 'cowboy builders'

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE Building Employers' Confederation and the Customers and Excise have teamed up to crack down on "cowboy builders," estimated to be costing the nation £800 million annually in unpaid taxes.

A survey, published yesterday, carried out by the building industry organisation in collaboration with Customs and Excise, revealed that nearly 75 per cent. of building work advertisers in local newspapers were not registered for VAT.

The nationwide analysis covered 700 advertisements in 17 different areas.

Action urged

The builders' have called on the Chancellor, Mr Lawson, to take urgent action to stop VAT evasion in the industry.

Mr Michael Millwood, president of the B E C, said that there was "widespread abuse" by cash-trading 'cowboys," who account for £2,000 million of the £5,000 million private house improvement market.

Mr Millwood urges the Government to reduce from £18,700 to zero the V A T registration threshold for building work.

"This will bring all firms into the A T net and will ensure that the 'cowboys' will not escape," said a confederation spokesman.

CANCELLED TRAINS

British Rail's Southern Region cancelled 122 out of 4,710 scheduled commuter services last week. Eastern Region had 44 cancellations from 2,225, Western seven from 500, and London Midland three from 1,205.

DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

Continued from Back Page

LANGHAM.—On Feb. 28, peacefully in hospital, MALCOLM VIVIAN, aged 71 years, of 65, Avenue Road, Leamington Spa, much loved husband of Grace.

LEATHER. — On March 4, 1985, peacefully at St Gabriel's, St Clement's Gardens, Bournemouth, ELSIE MAY LEATHER, aged 90 years. Funeral service at St Clement's Church, Bournemouth, on Friday, March 8, at 2 p.m. Donations for Additional Curates Society Fund, c/o Hall & Whebley, 1A, Oxford Road, Bournemouth 21190.

LEE.—On March 3, 1985, ANNABELLA EVELYN (née Daniel), dear wife of RUSSELL LEE and mother of Ian and Fiona.

LEE.—On March 1, following road accident, NICOLA JAYNE, aged 10 years, sister of Samantha and Helena, of Holly Cottage, Sandy Lane, Grayswood, Surrey. Service at Grayswood Church on Thursday, March 7, at 3 p.m., followed by cremation. Inquiries and flowers to G. M. Luff & Partners, Haslemere (0428) 3524.

LEWIS.—On March 3, 1985, peacefully after long illness borne with much fortitude and cheerfulness, LOIS MARGARET (Lolly) beloved wife of John and dear mother of Toby. Funeral Randal's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Sam Beare Amenity Ward, Weybridge Hospital, Church Street, Weybridge, Surrey.

LINTERN.—On Thursday, Feb. 28, 1985, peacefully at her home in Laxford, Norfolk, MARY LINTERN, M.B.E. Cremation service at St. Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. No flowers, please, but if desired donations in her memory for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Hervey Adams, Brandon Funeral Service, 17, Ridlers Road, Brandon, Suffolk.

LITCHFIELD.—On March 2, 1985, suddenly in hospital after a long illness, NORMAN ERIC LITCHFIELD, D.F.C. and Bar, husband of Pamela and father of Pat. R.I.P.

LUMSDEN. — On March 4, 1985, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, MOLLIE (née Elliott), formerly of Cushnie House and latterly of Bonty Court, Aboyne, beloved mother of David, Kenneth and Jean and grandmother of Rupert, Hugo, Hugh, Katherine and Mark. Requiem Mass in St Columba's Catholic Church, Banchory, on Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m., thereafter to Cluny Churchyard (arriving approximately 3.20 p.m.), afterwards at Tillycairn Castle. Flowers to Gordon & Watson, Aberdeen. Requiescat in Pace.

McGURK.—On March 3, 1985, JOSEPH GERARD MCGURK, M.Sc.T.D., of Dilwyn, Herefordshire, aged 73 years, beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Antonia, Stephen, Georgina and Ludovic. Requiem Mass and burial will be held at Belmont Abbey, Hereford, on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m.

MACKENZIE. — In Marca, suddenly while on holiday in South Africa, ARTHUR JAMES (Mac), 16, Netherstair, Crail, beloved husband of Jean Liddell and father of Ian and Fiona. Funeral arrangements later.

MANGNALL.—On March 2, after a long illness, FRANCES MARGARET, widow of Maj. THOMAS BROADBENT MANGNALL, late The King's Regiment (Manchester and Liverpool), mother of Ann Coles of Vigo, Holmwood, Surrey, and grandmother of Lucy. Funeral private at her request.

MARKS.—On March 2, 1985, in Worthing, JOHN M. MARKS, M.A. (Cantab), F.I.Mech.E., of Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex, dear husband of Dorothea, father of David. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m. No flowers by request.

MARSHALL.—On March 2, 1985, after a long illness, bravely borne, MARY PATRICIA, wife of the late Vivian Morrison, loved by sister Peggy and all her friends. Cremation 12 noon, Friday, March 8, Bournemouth, Southend-on-Sea. Flowers to Stubbard's, Hadleigh.

MARTIN.—On Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Woolston, BRONWEN MARY, dearly loved wife of the late THOMAS OSWELL MARTIN and mother of Dana, Glyn and Gleaves. Funeral service will take place at the James Forbes United Reformed Church, Gloucester, on Friday, March 8, at 2.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired payable to the Home Farm Trust Ltd. G. Lewis & Sim F/D Ltd., 1-5A, Denmark Road, Gloucester.

MATE. — On March 2, 1985, in a nursing home, Oxton, Wirral, KATHLEEN MARY ISOBEL, aged 80 years, beloved widow of REGGIE MATE, sister of Eric Adinsell and the late Pauline Wolley and a much loved aunt. Service at Landican Crematorium, Thursday, March 7, at 3 p.m. Flowers to Charles Stephens, Clifton House Funeral Home, Birkenhead. 051-645 4396.

MEAR. — On March 2, 1985, GWENDOLINE MARY, of Parkwood, 10, Charlestone Road, Burnham-on-Sea, passed peacefully away at the home of her daughter. Funeral service takes place at Weston-super-Mare Crematorium on Friday, March 8, at 3 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Messrs E. White & Son Ltd., F/D, 15&19, East Reach, Taunton, by 12 noon on Friday, please, or donations if desired for the British Red Cross Society (Burnham-On-Sea Branch) may be sent to the funeral directors.

METCALFE.—On March 1, RALPH TOWLERTON (Slim), aged 79, of the Loom House, Dunsfold, dearly loved husband of Mollie. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, on Thursday, March 7, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers.

MILLAR.—On March 2, 1985, at Woking, Surrey, RUBY, beloved wife of the late CHARLES MILLAR of Whitecraigs, Glasgow, dear mother of Liz Semple of Southwood, Hollybank Road, Hook Heath, much loved by all her family. Cremation at Woking Crematorium, at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday March 6. Thanksgiving service will be held at Broom Church, Glasgow, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14.

MILLS.—On Sunday, March 3, peacefully, MURIEL ENGLEFIELD, aged 88 years, formerly of Harpenden, widow of Ernest Leon. A loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service to be held at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Thursday, March 7, 1 p.m. Flowers to Phillips Funeral Services Ltd., 68, Alma Road, St Albans, by 11 a.m.

MINAHAN.—On Feb. 28, 1985, peacefully, in a London hospital, NOEL JOHN BASIL. Will be sadly missed. Funeral private. No letters, please.

MOORE.—On March 1, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, EDITH FRANCES (née Lawton-Browne), much loved sister of William and Joyce. Funeral on Friday, March 8, at 10.20 a.m., Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to Research for Multiple Sclerosis, Central Middlesex Hospital, N.W.10. Inquiries to Thorp & Son, Southend-on-Sea 76535.

MORAN.—On Saturday, March 2, 1985, peacefully at home, JACK, aged 69 years, of 17, Leicester Road, Shepshed, Leics, husband of Barbara and father of Patricia, Richard, Michael and Chris Inr.

MORGAN.—On March 2, 1985, at Belmont Nursing Home, ROSALIE, of 4, Rectory Gardens, Machen, widow of Dr IVOR MORGAN and sister of Bay. Funeral Thursday, March 7, service at St Michael's Church, Lower Machen, 2 p.m. prior to interment at the churchyard. Family flowers only.

MORRIS.—On March 2, 1985, peacefully at home, ARTHUR RAYMOND MORRIS, aged 84, of Hilaire, Norley Lane, Sandon, formerly of Headcorn, Kent, a loving husband, father and grandfather. Service and interment at Cornerstone, Derry Hill, Calne on Friday, March 8, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu may be sent, if desired, for the Church of England Children's Society to Woolley's, North Street, Calne, for forwarding.

MORRIS.—On Feb. 27, suddenly in hospital, VICTOR W., of the Weir, Swainshill, Hereford. Sadly missed by all his friends. Funeral private.

MORSE.—On March 3, 1985, at his home, London Road, Bedford, NORMAN HARRY FURLONG, aged 84 years, beloved father of Rosemary, Janet and Veronica and grandfather of Clare, Sarah, Lucy and Tom. Funeral service at St Andrew's Parish Church, Much Hadham, on Monday, March 11, at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Perry Green Cemetery. Flowers and inquiries please to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd, South Street, Bishops Stortford, tel. (0279) 55477.

MUGGERIDGE.—On Feb. 26, 1985, peacefully, after a long illness, DOUGLAS THOMAS, aged 56, very much loved husband of Diana and father of Fiona and Idonea. Private funeral. No flowers. Donations may be sent to Neurology Research, St Thomas' Hospital, London. Memorial service on March 28, at 12 noon, at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

NIELD.—On March 1, 1985, at her home, The Brew House, Glan Conway, PHYLLIS, the last surviving child of the late George and Annie Joseph, of Warrington, four days before her 94th birthday, the mother of Jacky and Billy (deceased) and greatly missed by her daughter-in-law, son-in-law John and grandchildren Christopher, Margaret, Paul and Robin. Service at St Martin's Church, Eglwysbach, on Thursday, March 7, at 11.15 a.m., followed by service at Holy Trinity Church, Warrington, at 1.45 p.m. prior to interment at Warrington Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu of flowers will be welcome for the Dartmoor Live Stock Protection Society and the R.S.P.C.A. Inquiries and donations to T. Couchar & Sons, 4, Woodland Road West, Colwyn Bay, tel. 2206.

O'DONNELL.—On March 3, peacefully at home in her 68th year, after a long illness courageously borne, KATHLEEN CICELY, widow of Dr RAYMOND O'DONNELL, of 50, Bracken Avenue, SW12, much loved and deeply mourned by her children Raymond, Ann, John, Hugh, Michael, Christopher, Clare and Paul, and her many grandchildren. Requiem Mass on Friday, March 8, at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19, followed by burial. Family flowers only, please. Any donations to the Westminster Hospital, Linear Accelerator Appeal. R.I.P.

O'MEARA.—On March 1, peacefully at home, FREDERICA (Fritzie), widow of I. F. O'MEARA, sister of "Modds," much loved mother and grandmother. Cremation at Hastings, March 8, 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Mummery, 31, Devonshire Road, Bexhill.

OWEN.—On March 1, at Bournemouth, AUDREY CONSTANCE HANCHARD (née Goodwin), widow of DAVID EWART OWEN of Liverpool. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium (small chapel) on Monday, March 11, at 12.15 p.m.

OWERS.—On Feb. 28, peacefully in hospital, ARCHIE, aged 74 years, of Manchester Road, Ninfield, beloved husband of Gwen, father of Brian and Rosemarie and a much loved grandfather. Funeral service at Ninfield Church, on Wednesday, March 13, at 1.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Eastbourne. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Muscular Dystrophy, Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, c/o Mummery, funeral directors, 65, Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. Tel. 0424 213412.

PARKER. — On March 2, 1985, RAYMOND PETER, aged 51 years, loved husband of Ailsa, father to Ralph and Steven, late of Pelcon, Palestian Cable, B.I.C.C. Funeral service at Moulsford Parish Church on Friday, March 8, at 3 p.m.

PASSEY.—On March 3, peacefully, HELEN MARY JESSIE, aged 80 years, of Carrant Road, Tewkesbury, much loved sister of Eileen and of the late Cora and Clara. Funeral service at Twyning Church, on Friday, March 8, at 2.35 p.m. Flowers may be sent to B. Sweet & Sons, Tewkesbury.

PETTIGREW. — On March 3, at Thornhill, Lydiard, Common, ROSA KATHLEEN, dearly loved wife of DONALD BELL PETTIGREW, a very dear mother and grandmother. Service at Harrogate Crematorium, Wednesday, March 6, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations to her memory may be given to Cancer Research, 39, East Parade, Harrogate.

POPE.—On March 1, suddenly at his home, ALFRED HENRY GEORGE POPE, I.S.O., M.B.E., aged 80 years, beloved husband of Ann and father of John and Margaret of Kentford, Newmarket, Suffolk, formerly of Horsham, Sussex. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium, on Friday, March 8, at 12.30 p.m. No flowers by request.

POTTER.—On March 1, peacefully at Southampton General Hospital, after much pain and suffering so bravely borne, AUDREY JOAN, sanctified by the Last Rites of Holy Mother Church, beloved wife of Major Frederick (Retd), much loved mother of Alan and Audrey, loved mother-in-law of Eileen and John, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass Church of the Annunciation, Netley Abbey, Hants, at 2 p.m., Friday, March 8, followed by interment at Hound Church. Flowers to J. Lawrence & Sons, 17, St Denys Road, Southampton SO2 1GN.

PRIOR.—On March 3, 1985, peacefully at Tudor House, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, in her 81st year, DOROTHY EMMA, sister of Florence, William and James and beloved aunt and great-aunt. Cremation at Oakley Crematorium, Warwick, Friday, March 8, at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

RAE.—On March 3, at the Duke of York Home, Bradford, West Yorks, MARY, dearly loved wife of Dr JAMES W. RAE, of 26, Park Drive, Heaton, Bradford 9, very dear mother of Jane and Thomas, dear mother-in-law of Guy and Judy and much loved grandmother of George, Mary and Richard. Service at Bradford Cathedral Friday, March 8, at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. Friends please meet at the cathedral. Family flowers only, please, but if desired donations would be appreciated if sent to the Whyte Watson Turner Cancer Research Trust, University of Bradford, 21, Claremont, Bradford BD7 1BG.

RAMSELL.—On March 4, 1985, peacefully, LYDIA, wife of the late Henry William, dearest mother of Ron and grandma of Philip and Joanne. Funeral Friday, March 8, 2.30 p.m., at Randalls Park Crematorium. Inquiries 399 2060.

RAND.—On March 2, 1985, peacefully in St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, JOSEPHINE, greatly loved wife of Teu, mother of Shirley, Roger and Peter, devoted grandmother to Richard, Alison, Caroline, Jeremy, Jonathan, Nicholas and Rebecca. Funeral service at Woodford Parish Church, South Woodford, at 10.45 a.m., on Friday, March 8, followed by cremation at 12 noon at Parndon Wood. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund, 17, Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RD, mark envelope In Memoriam.

RICHES.—On Feb. 13, Col A. JAMES RICHES, R.A., husband of Pamela, father of Vera and Mary Rose.

ROBINSON.—On March 1, at home, Mandalen House, Hedon, ARTHUR, aged 82 years, dearly loved husband of Bessie, dearest father of Diana, Carola and Richard. Family Requiem Mass at Mary and St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hedon, at 10.30 a.m., Wednesday, March 6, prior to service and interment at the Church of the Most Holy Sacrament, Marton, near Skipsea, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations to Marton Church if so desired or for the Kidney Research Fund, c/o Dr St. Farr, Princess Royal Hospital, Sutton. R.I.P.

ROBINSON.—On Saturday, March 2, 1985, at Allblasters Nursing Home, Rudgwick, Sussex, HILARY MARGARET, aged 89, beloved wife of the late DOUGLAS HERBERT ROBINSON, formerly of Liverpool. Service and cremation at Guildford Crematorium at 2.30 p.m., Friday, March 8. No flowers by request. If desired, donations to Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

ROGERS.—On March 1, peacefully, EMILY FENDOSE, aged 75 years, of 197, Earlham Road, Norwich, Norfolk, beloved wife of Charles and mother of Peter John and Michael. Funeral service, St Thomas Church, Earlham Road, Norwich, Norfolk, on Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation, Norwich City Earlham Road Crematorium. Flowers please to the Reg Copping Funeral Service, c/o 85, Chapelfield Road, Norwich, by 12 noon. tel. Brooke 50250.

RUGG-GUNN.—On March 2, 1985, in hospital in Cheltenham, CECILIA MARY, widow of ANDREW RUGG-GUNN, F.R.C.S. Requiem Mass at St Wulstan's, Little Malvern, on Friday, March 8, at 11.30 a.m., followed by committal. R.I.P. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Cancer Research.

RUSHMERE. — On March 2, peacefully, NELL (née Knight), of Linithow, Isle of Skelty, Swansea, dear mother of Eileen and Thomas and grandmother of Peter and Susanne.

RUSSELL. — On March 4, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, ETHEL, dearly loved wife of Edward, of East Horsley. Funeral on Thursday, March 7, at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 1 p.m. Flowers to James & Thomas, 45, East Lane, West Horsley.

SHARP. — On Monday, March 4, 1985, at Silverdale, EMILY, dearly loved wife of Edward, and mother of Jane, Peter, and Nigel. Funeral at St Oswald's Church, Borwick, 12 noon, Friday, March 8.

SKELCHER.—On March 1, at East Birmingham Hospital after a long illness, Major A. C. K. SKELCHER, M.B.E. (retd), aged 73. Will be sadly missed by his wife, Win, son, Christopher, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. At rest. Funeral inquiries to 021-443 4246.

SKINNER.—On Sunday, March 3, 1985, peacefully at home, Grey Gables, La Haule, St Brelade, Jersey, C.I., after a long and courageous fight against leukaemia, BRYAN ANTHONY SKINNER, aged 54 years, beloved husband and sweetheart of Celia and dear loved father of Sue, Jane, Judy and Michael, grandad to Kerry and Thomas. Private family funeral. Memorial service details to be announced later. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired may be sent to the Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o Mr A. Courtness, Peacehaven, Manor Park Road, La Pouquelaye, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. Pitcher & Le Quesne, funeral directors, tel. Jersey 77935.

SMITH.—On March 2, Sister MARY DUNSTAN, peacefully at St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, N.W.8. Funeral, 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 6.

STAINTHORPE.—On March 4, 1985, peacefully at home in Malvern, CONSTANCE MELLISH, last surviving child of the late Mr and Mrs F. B. Henson of Hilden Grange, Tonbridge, much loved wife of THOMAS F. STAINTHORPE, O.B.E., beloved mother of P. W. Stainthorpe and Jane Horne, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private.

STANSFIELD.—On March 2, peacefully in a nursing house at Hurstpierpoint, DORIS EVELYN, aged 77 years, formerly of Manor Avenue, Hassocks, widow of HAROLD STANSFIELD and sister of Irene and Elsie. Funeral service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday, March 7, at 4 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Frank Dunn & Co, 51, High Street, Hurstpierpoint, tel. 832179.

STOTT.—On March 1, 1985, peacefully at home, JACK STOTT, aged 85 years, dear and devoted husband of Gwladys Mare dearly loved by his daughters, Mare and Margaret, sons-in-law, Michael and Brian, and grandchildren, Margaret, David and Richard Easty, and Alice and Elizabeth Niethammer, dear brother-in-law of Arthur C. Wilson, a former Borough Treasurer of Stretford. Service and committal at Overdale Crematorium, Bolton, on Thursday, March 7, at 9.45 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Inquiries R. Pepperdine & Sons Ltd. tel. 061-881 3363.

TABOR.—On March 3, passed away peacefully, DORA, dearly loved mother of John, Derek, David and Richard, her daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Service at Llandegla Church, March 7, at 10.15 a.m., followed by cremation. Her ashes to be laid to rest at Sparkwell at a date to be announced. No flowers, please, other than family. Donations if desired to Llandegla or Sparkwell Church.

TERRY.—On March 2, 1985, peacefully at Worthing, ELSIE MAY, aged 89 years, formerly of East Preston. All inquiries please to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex, tel. 713939.

THOMAS.—On Feb. 25, 1985, RICHARD, aged 45 years, most loved husband of Yvonne, father of Joanne and Jolian. Thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, March 10, at St Nicholas Church, Elstree, at 2.30 p.m.

TUCKER.—On March 3, 1985, passed away in Hove, after a short illness, REGINALD MARTIN (Reg), aged 70 years. Funeral service Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, Thursday, March 7, at 1 p.m. Gentlemen only, please, by his request.

TUCKER.—On March 1, peacefully at his home in Newquay, Dr STANLEY HOWWOOD TUCKER M.A. (Oxon), D.Sc., Ph.D., aged 92 years, dearly loved father of Gordon and Wendy and devoted brother of Rev. F. G. Tucker. Funeral service at St Columb Minor Methodist Church, on Thursday, March 7, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation. No flowers, by request, but donations in lieu for St Columb Minor Methodist Church, may be sent c/o Lloyds Bank, Newquay, Cornwall.

TUPPER.—On March 2, 1985, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, peacefully in his sleep, HARRY MARTYN, aged 70 years, of Petworth, dear husband of Doris and father of Lynne. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Funeral service Worthing Crematorium, Wednesday, March 6, at 11 a.m.

TURNER. — On March 1, 1985, peacefully after a courageous fight, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham, FLORENCE ELIZABETH CHARLOTTE (Dot), beloved wife of the late W. H. TURNER, M.B.E., of the Iran Petroleum Company, and much loved mother of David. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, but donations, please, to the Royal Marsden Cancer Fund.

TYLER, T. M.—See TENKINS.

WALES.—On March 3, at Danefield Nursing Home after a long illness bravely borne, EVELYN ANN BRUCE WALES, aged 77, wife of the late Charles Douglas Wales, dearly loved sister of Katherine Scott and much loved by all her nephews and nieces. Funeral service at Leeds Parish Church, Maidstone, Kent, on Thursday, March 7, at 1.45 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Cancer Research.

WALMSLEY.—On Feb. 28, JANE MARY, beloved wife of Peter and mother of Catherine and Michael. Funeral at the Sacred Heart Church of the Verona Fathers, Sunningdale, Berkshire, on March 7 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations may be given to the Royal Surrey School of Nursing Appeal, St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, Surrey.

WAITE.—On March 2, peacefully in hospital, VINCENT, very beloved husband of Monica and a much loved brother of Vera and Colston. Funeral service at St Mary's, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, on Friday, March 8, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, 6, Terrace Walk, Bath.

WALMSLEY.—On March 2, 1985, NEIL, of Bellingham Road, Lytham, husband of Moule and father of Christine and Sara. Service St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, Friday, March 8, at 12 noon, prior to cremation. Park Crematorium, Lytham. Cut flowers may be sent to or donations to MacMillan Nurses who care for cancer patients at home, c/o Ian Francis, Cancer Relief at any branch of Lloyds Bank. Further inquiries please J. & A. Porter, tel. Lytham (0253) 735423.

WARBURTON.—On March 1, suddenly at home in Germany, MARGRET, dear wife of Major (Retd) JOHN WARBURTON. Service at St Boniface at 11 a.m., March 7, and burial at the Military Cemetery, J.H.Q. Rheindahlen. No flowers, but donations to R.S.P.C.A. if desired.

WATSON.—On Feb. 6, 1985, at her home, 16, Abbey Road, Horsell, MARION, loving widow of Commander D. A. WATSON (Retd.) and loved mother of Donald. Funeral has taken place.

WEBB.—On March 3, 1985, peacefully at Maidstone, MIRIAM KATE (née Rackliff), aged 85, wife of the late CECIL H. WEBB, of Chesham, Bucks, mother of Ann and son-in-law Dan, sister of Bobby. Funeral service, 2.15 p.m., Friday, March 8, at Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham, followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only, please.

WEBBER.—On March 1, 1985, suddenly, LILLIE, beloved wife of EDWARD GEORGE WEBBER. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Thursday, March 14, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please. Donations if desired for Kingswood Court Welfare Fund, c/o Stoneman Funeral Services, Doggan Court, Redhill.

WEBLEY.—On March 2, peacefully at a Herne Bay nursing home, in her 83rd year, KATHLEEN VIOLET ALICE, formerly of St Albans, dearly loved wife of the late Charles Ewart and loving mother of Simon and Jane. Funeral service on Friday, March 8, at Vinters Park Crematorium, Maidstone, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Fear Fund or R.N.L.I.

WESTLEY. — On March 2, 1985, peacefully, at Ridgemead House, Englefield Green, LILIAN VICTORIA HENDERSON, aged 88, widow of William Arthur, formerly of Buenos Aires and Sutton, and loved mother of Barry, Guy (deceased), David and Ivor, grandmother and great-grandmother. Inquiries to F. Hatch & Son, Egham 32163.

WHALE.—On March 1, ALICE LILIAN, dearest mother and nanna. Cremation 3 p.m., March 8, at Golders Green. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Red Cross Downage, NW4.

WHEELER.—On March 2, at Sevenoaks Hospital, FRANCIS JOHN, aged 74, loving husband of Silvia and father of Caroline and Joanna. Cremation, Monday, March 11, at 12.30 p.m., Tunbridge Wells. No flowers. Donations to Hospice at Home, c/o Francis Chappell, 3, London Road, Sevenoaks.

WHITEWAY.—On March 2, 1985, GEORGE, devoted husband of Myfanwy, one time head of London Deaf Schools. Funeral from 4, Southcliffe Road, Friars Cliff, Christchurch, to Bournemouth Crematorium, on Thursday, March 7, at 4.15 p.m., leaving home at 3.50 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if so desired, to National Institute for the Deaf, Gower Street, London, W.C. Inquiries to Miller Bros. & F. P. Butler Ltd., funeral directors, 119, Bargates, Christchurch, tel. 485459.

WHITTLE. — On March 2, 1985, peacefully, KATHLEEN ELIZABETH (née Burrows), of Wollaton, Nottingham, and originally of Cressington, Leeds, beloved mother of Richard, stepmother to Godfrey and Grace. Cremation at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham, on Wednesday, March 6, at 3.15 p.m. Donations, please, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Flowers to Beasley Bros.

WILLCOX.—On March 2, suddenly in hospital, PERCY FRANCIS BLACK, of Ruswell, Walburn, 1583, and West, aged 73 years, beloved husband of Peggy. Funeral service in Whitburn Parish Church, Tyne and Wear, on Thursday, March 7, at 12.45 p.m. Private cremation following. No flowers or letters by request.

WILLIAMS.—On March 2, suddenly at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, after a short illness, HENRY EDWIN, of 61, Bettws-y-Coed Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff, beloved husband of Audrey and loving father of Susan and Christopher. Resting at Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff, until the funeral service at Park End Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 7, at 1.15 p.m., afterwards, gentlemen only at Thornhill Crematorium. No flowers by request.

WILLS. — On March 2, at Blake Hospital, Bridgwater, Somerset, LILIAN BEATRICE WINIFRED, aged 90 years, youngest daughter of the late Preb. and Mrs J. D. Gedye, late of Cutcombe, Taunton, widow of F. T. (Tom) WILLS, of Bridgwater, mother of Elizabeth, and grandmother of Lucy, Dominic and Timothy. Funeral service at Cothelstone Church, Thursday, March 7, 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Taunton. All flowers, please, to F. W. Sweet, funeral director, 24, Church Road, Wembdon, Bridgwater.

WILSON.—On March 1, 1985, peacefully at Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor, and of Fernhill, England Road, South Caernarfon, GEORGE HENRY (Gus) WILSON, O.D.S., aged 75 years, dearly loved husband of the late Olive, devoted father of Sally and her husband Philip and loved grandpa of Manus, Terry and Kai. Funeral Wednesday, March 6. Public service and committal at Bangor Crematorium at 11 a.m. Further inquiries to Gwilym Jones & Son, tel. Caernarfon 3071 or 2550.

WILSON.—On March 4, after a short illness, WILLIAM THOMAS WILSON, J.P., aged 63 years, of Penstanton, dearest husband of Ethel, father of William, Sarah and Susanna. Private family Requiem Mass. Memorial service Penstanton Parish Church, 12 noon, March 14. R.I.P.

WINKLESS.—On March 4, 1985, at home, EDWARD WILLIAM WINKLESS, F.R.I.B.A., beloved husband of Mary, father and grandfather. Cremation at West Herts Crematorium, Watford, March 8, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, please.

WINTER. — On Saturday, March 2, 1985, peacefully in hospital, FRANK THOMAS WINTER, F.R.I.B.A., of 8A, Church Street, Stapleford, Cambs, and formerly of Holmer Green, Bucks, and Hampstead Garden Suburb, dear father of David. Funeral service at Holmer Green Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 12, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be sent for Help the Aged or Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

WINZER.—On March 1, 1985, JENNIFER HAZEL, aged 41, much loved wife of Russell, mother of Caroline and Mark. Funeral service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday, March 8, at 10.40 a.m.

WISE.—On March 2, DUDLEY MILLER, aged 71, of Ewell Village, Surrey. Sadly missed.

WRIGHT.—On March 4, 1985, at home in West Horsley, ROBERT VICTOR (Bob) WRIGHT, much loved husband of Anthea and father of Teresa and Jeremy. The funeral service will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday, March 11, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o James & Thomas Ltd, East Lane, West Horsley.

YEADON.—On March 2, 1985, peacefully at his home Rowland Lane, Cleveleys, Blackpool, GERALD, the dearly loved husband of Kathleen, loving father of Michael. Service and cremation at Carleton Crematorium, Blackpool, on Thursday at 3 p.m. No flowers, please. All inquiries to T. H. Fenton Ltd., 27-28, Rossall Road, Cleveleys, Blackpool, tel. Cleveleys 852385.

YOUNG.—On Feb. 28, 1985, at her home, 18, Rathlin Road, Ballycastle, ELIZABETH (Betty), wife of the late JOHN YOUNG and loved mother of Rose and John. Interred and removed Parish Church family burying ground.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

ROWE. ERNEST.—Mrs Rowe and Family would like to thank all friends and relatives for their kind words of sympathy and lovely flowers in their recent sad loss.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

BENSON.—The Memorial Service for Major-General E. R. BENSON will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Aldermaston, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 23.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

BATTEN.—The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of MOLLIE BATTEN, O.B.E., will be held on April 30, 1985, at 12 noon, in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire in the Crypt of St Paul's.

IN MEMORIAM

BARRETT, PETER ERIC, of Ramsgate, died March 5, 1983.—Thinking of you on this your Birthday. — Lesley and Family.

BROOMHEAD, DOROTHY M. (Chick). —March 5, 1984. Remembered every day. — Tommy and Margot.

DE BANZIE, BRENDA. — March 5, 1981. Always in my thoughts with love and gratitude.—Rupert.

FARNINGHAM, GEORGE.—March 5, 1979. Loved and remembered always. — Margaret and Family.

FITZ-MAURICE, PHYLLIS MURIEL (née Tanner).—Died March 5, 1983. A splendid Wife and Mother. Will always be remembered.

JACOBS, EVA FRANCES.—March 5, 1978. In every bar I write I celebrate your beauty.—Manuel.

KOWALA, MARTIN PAUL, Arch. Dec., aged 24 years.—Tragically killed March 5, 1978. So lonely without you. Goodnight, dear, God bless. Loving you always.—Mum and Dad.

MELLOR, VERA, A.R.M.C.M.—March 5, 1979. To her beloved memory.—Connie.

MESSENGER.—In loving memory of my father, WILLIAM MESSENGER, M.C. —Betty.

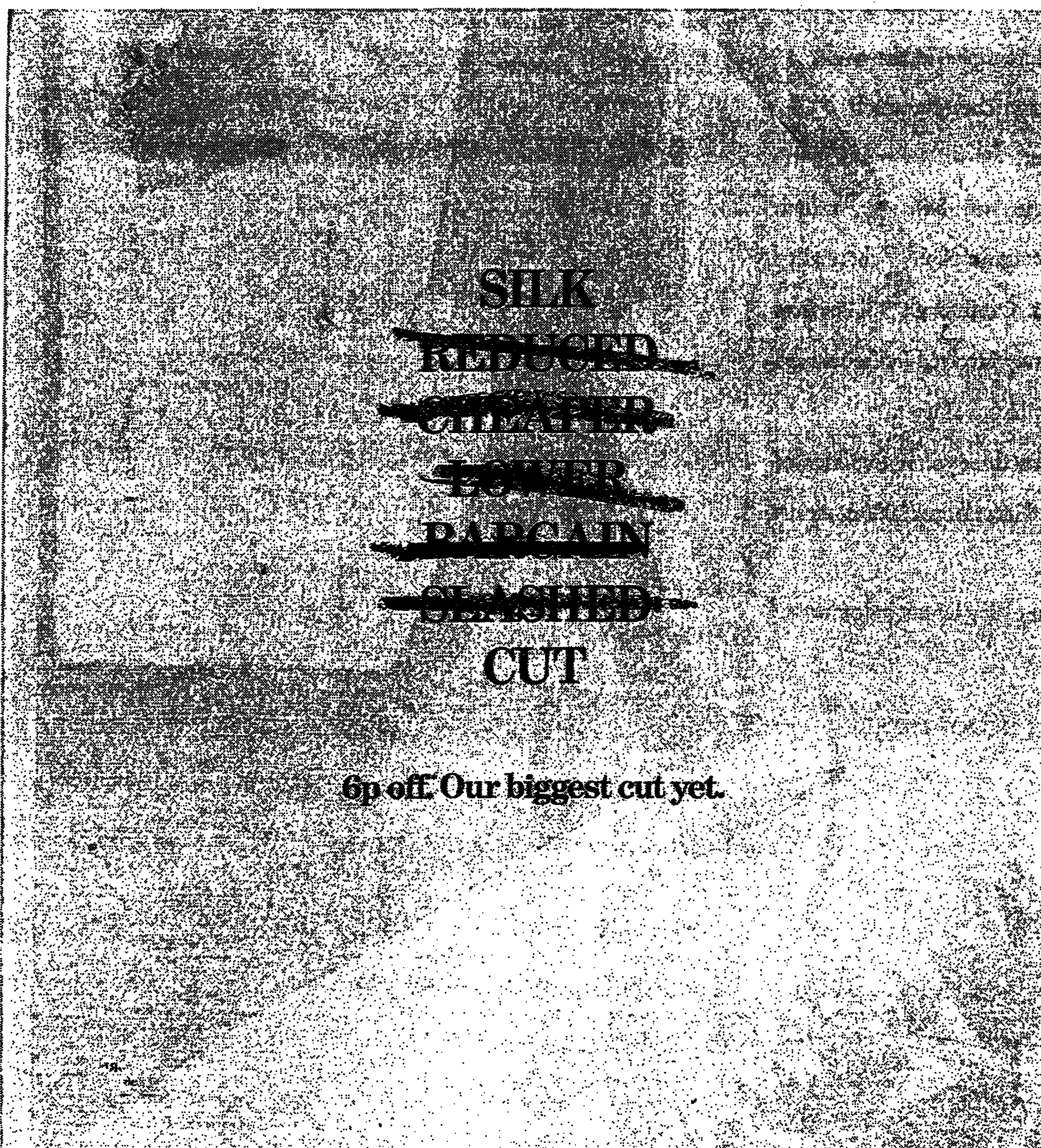
OHLSON, Sir ERIC, Baronet died March 5, 1983.—"My thoughts are ever with you."—Marjorie.

OSBORNE, DEREK. — Lovingly remembered on his Birthday.—Liz, Elizabeth and Valerie.

PAYZE, RICHARD (1871-1960).— Mr beloved Daddy, gallant and unselfish. We shared laughter and tears and the happy memories never fade.— Va.

SHAW, JAMES WHITEHOUSE. — In affectionate remembrance of "Jim," passed away March 5, 1964.—Hannah.

TAYLOR, H., 1984. — In ever loving memory of GWEN, dearly loved. Always in my thoughts.—Marjory.



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'Leadership only as strong as backing it receives'—Arthur Scargill, 1982

ALL-LEFT TRIUMVIRATE REMAINED SOLID TO END

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

MR ARTHUR SCARGILL will be recalling his first presidential address to the 1982 National Union of Mineworkers conference as he surveys the return to work after the 12-month pit strike.

Within six months of being voted into office with a 70·2 per cent. majority to succeed Mr Joe (now Lord) Gormley, the militant N U M leader was saying: "Leadership is only as strong as the backing it receives from the rank and file.

"Given that support, the demands of this union can become a reality."

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He promised to "democratise" the union and accused its past leadership of being "either inefficient or purposefully neglectful."

Mr Scargill also said he would refuse to engage in "secret" dealings. The only way in which decisions were going to be fulfilled was to create an active *informed membership.*

If his members demanded total commitment from him, as union president, he had every right to demand their total support when they were consulted in ballots.

By contrast two years later, *Mr Peter Heathfield, Left-wing* N U M general secretary, scraped into office in an abnormally low 68 per cent. poll with a majority of 51·2 per cent. on the second preference count.

He said: "We have got to convince them (the miners) of the N U M's case as regards their job security and their standard of living."

Used rulebook

Mr Heathfield joined arms with Mr Scargill and the N U M's Communist vice-president Mr Michael McGahey to complete a powerful all-Left "triumvirate" just as the row over pit closures was beginning.

The general secretary has, in fact, not drawn his salary since he came into office. The strike started at the moment he was taking his chair.

But the three N U M leaders have maintained a solid public face of unity over the conduct of the dispute. Any differences there may have been were kept *strictly for behind-the-scenes.*

Mr Scargill will claim that he has prosecuted the N U M policy on wages, pit closures, the strike and the attitude to internal union discipline to the letter throughout the past 12 months.

His adherence to the laid-down *policies has been the first* principle. His chairmanship of the N U M executive and use of procedures and the rule book have been his way of trying to ensure those policies are fully implemented on behalf of the membership.

The controversies over ballots, Rule 51 "Star Chamber" committees, attempts to *expel the Nottinghamshire area,* and many other issues during the strike have not prevented the emergence of an extraordinary succession of white rabbit decisions.

These may have come as a surprise to observers but have *all been aimed at keeping up* the morale of the strikers, maintaining the solidarity of the dispute, and trying to force fresh negotiation from the board and the Government.

Mr Scargill seems certain to continue this method of leadership *because he is convinced* there is no other way.

But the refusal of the N U M leader to condemn violence on the picket lines was a position *which many feel lost him and* the N U M a great deal of support and credibility.

Talented negotiator

Mr Heathfield, a less flamboyant figure, but an equally *forceful speaker and constitu*tionally the equal of Mr Scargill in the union hierarchy, has emerged in the latter days of the dispute as a very talented negotiator.

His attempts at seeking peace with Mr Ned Smith, hitherto board director-general of industrial relations, produced what most miners would have recognised as a traditional face-saving compromise. The deal was later vetoed by Mr Ian MacGregor *who refused to "fudge"* the main issue of uneconomic pits.

Mr McGahey, who is also Scottish N U M president, has *also played a forceful role in* the various negotiating sessions. But he, too, regrets the inability to resolve the dispute by an honourable negotiated settlement.

In this failure, the N U M leaders refuse to blame one another and also point to the consistent backing they have received from *activists at both* executive meetings and delegate conferences.

The Left-wing of the N U M executive remained solidly behind Mr Scargill despite the strong arguments at various times voiced over tactics by both Mr Jack Taylor, Yorks area president, and Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales president.

Last big stand

For many of the N U M leaders, this will be their last big stand. They will be retired before another major conflict.

*For Mr Scargill, he will prob*ably emerge unscathed after a further period of examination by the media. The possibility of him being taken to court for his role in the strike and the prospect that the new legislation may be so interpreted as *to require him to seek re-elec*tion are assured occasions when further controversy will reign around him.

Mr Heathfield will return to his secretary's seat and prepare for next July's special two-day conference at which the long *job of repairing the fabric of* the union will have to begin.

Mr Scargill in London yesterday.

Union laws reviewed

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

A *THOROUGH review of* how the Government's trade union legislation has functioned during the miners' strike has been set *in motion by Mr King,* Employment Secretary.

But it is unlikely to lead to significant changes in industrial relations law over and *above those ministers had been* contemplating at the time the strike began.

The overall effect of the year-long dispute will probably be *to delay initiatives that were* already in the pipeline rather than prompt some entirely new reforms.

Ministers recognise that the *main changes in the law the* strike is likely to bring about lie in the field of public order, as a result of violent picketing, rather than industrial relations.

Parallel with the review, the Employment Secretary is expected to issue a consultation paper on action to curb strikes in the essential services, *which has been on his desk* since shortly after the miners dispute began.

Areas covered

Legislation on this subject was mooted as far back as the 1979 Conservative Election *Manifesto when the idea of no-*strike agreements was floated.

Such legislation could cover electricity, public transport, the docks, water supply and *sewage, and some areas of the* health service.

Tangle of legal disputes still to be resolved

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

THE collapse of the miners' strike leaves in its aftermath a tangle of legal disputes which will take months and possibly years to resolve.

One of the most notable features of the strike has been the plethora of legal actions and court cases to which it has given rise.

Some have created important legal precedents that will find a place in the law reports and text books on industrial relations law.

Most of the actions in the court have not been brought by employers seeking to restrain unlawful picketing or secondary action but by union members suing their unions and officials at both local and national level under long established principles of breach of contract, trusteeship and the law of tort.

*In these cases the Govern*ment's new industrial relations law has only been brought in on the fringes.

Unlawful picketing

Many of the court orders and injunctions obtained against miners' unions and their officials, such as those restraining officials from describing the strike as official, and from organising unlawful picketing *will lose their effect with the* ending of the dispute.

Other actions such as those challenging the legality of the N U M's Rule 51 disciplinary *procedure, dubbed as the "Star* Chamber," and its use to discipline miners who work during the strike will lose none of their purpose.

Proceedings have also been brought to make Mr Scargill, N U M's president, and other *union leaders, personally liable* for the £200,000 contempt of court fine imposed *on the union* last October and by working miners claiming damages for lost earnings caused by the calling of an illegal strike.

The extent *to which these* actions are now pursued after the return to work is expected to depend on the union's attitude to those who have worked during the dispute and whether it persists in using Rule 51 in an attempt to throw them out *of the union.*

Array of actions

Apart from the array of civil actions still pending against the *unions and their leaders at* national and local level, the assets of the N U M will still be subject to the receivership order made by the High Court last November and the sequestration order made in October after the union failed to pay *its £200,000 contempt of court* fine.

Before the sequestration order is lifted, it is expected that the union leaders will have to co-operate in ensuring the return of all the union's assets still abroad and to appear before *Mr Justice Nicholls who im*posed the order to apologise and purge their contempt.

Last month the receiver, Mr Michael Arnold, failed in an attempt to have the sequestration order discharged or suspended while at the same time claiming that union leaders *responsible for continued con*tempts should be made personally liable.

In rejecting the application, Mr Justice Nicholls said the *time was not then appropriate* to discharge or suspend it. Mr Arnold, a City of London chartered accountant, has accepted that he has no power to purge the union's contempt.

Of the estimated £8·9 million of the union's assets that were transferred to banks abroad when the dispute *began in an attempt to frustrate* the effect of possible sequestration for defiance of court orders, only £4·9 million has so far been recovered from a bank in Luxembourg.

Assets traced

Judgment in Ireland is still awaited on a claim by the re*ceiver and the sequestrators* for the return of a further £2·7 million of the union's *funds frozen since last Novem*ber in a bank in Dublin.

Similar proceedings to recover another £500,000 of the union's assets traced to a bank in Zurich have also still to be resolved.

Of the wide variety of civil *actions that have come before* the courts since last March, two of the most significant were judgments by Mr Justice Nicholls last September declaring the strike in Derbyshire and Yorkshire to be unofficial.

They are seen by lawyers *acting for the working miners* as having put heart into the return to work movement. Mr Justice Nicholls's decision last October to sequestrate the N U M's assets for defiance of his orders in the Yorkshire case also made it clear that the *courts were determined to* enforce its rulings.

Extremists' retreat signalled collapse

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

ONE of the surest signs that the miners' strike was nearing collapse was the gradual retreat of the many extremist Left-wing groups who set about trying to infiltrate the dispute at coalfield level from the day it began.

The *Socialist Workers'* party one of the few to actually announce its departure, admitted that "the working class movement has suffered a significant defeat."

Few pitmen, Scargill supporters or otherwise, regretted *the passing of this particular* caravan.

The pit communities have regarded them in general as a bit daft, a blessed nuisance or a *real pain in the neck,* depending on the tactics used and the (often oddball) personalities.

There is no record that any member of the International Sparticist Tendency actually received *a smack on the nose* while trying to impart his particular brand of ideology to strikers, but Mr David Douglass, a member of the Doncaster *Area Strike Committee,* reckons they must have come pretty close to it many times.

Domestic problems

The Sparticists' Mormon-like approach, the foot-in-the-door theorising, have proved more *than most miners can stomach,* grappling as they have been with domestic problems and the demands of *their union.*

The party workers, needless, to say, are dismayed. Having homed in on the striking areas like bees to a honeypot, they *had hoped to share the exper*ience, build on the anger and bask in the glory.

But it has not been like that. The most fervent and bright-eyed *member of the* Revolutionary Communist party will long recall with a shudder the quiet menace with which he and his friends were advised to put away *their literature,* shut their mouths and leave miners' welfare clubs.

LEGAL CALL FOR NEC BALLOT

By JAMES O'BRIEN

THE National Working Miners Committee plans legal action to stop elections to the N U M National Executive through branches *and replace them* with a pithead or postal ballot.

A further aim is to make Mr Scargill, the mineworkers' president, offer *himself for re*-election after five years in office. He will have completed three years next month.

The committee will seek a High *Court injunction* to stop the executive elections basing its course of action on the provisions of the *1984 Trade Union* Act claims pithead or postal ballots will give the N U M's 186,000 members a greater say in the composition of the executive.

Mr Anthony Morris, an official of the committee, said the first step was *to isolate* Mr Scargill on the executive and "starting now we are going out with all guns blazing on that one."

The legal advice given *to the* committee about Mr Scargill's tenure of the presidency until 2008 said: "The president of the N U M must stand for regular re-election *despite* having been elected for life.

"This is because in some circumstances the president has a vote on the N E C, by virtue of being chairman

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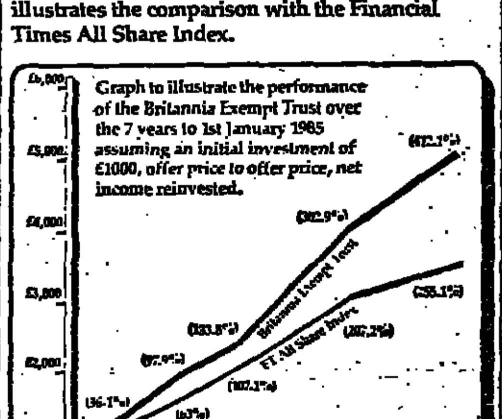

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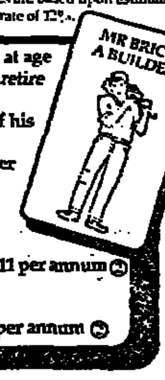

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Yesterday in Parliament

STRIKE COST 'BETTER THAN GIVING IN TO MOB DEMAND'

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

THE cost of the coal strike was nothing compared to the cost of giving in to unreasonable demands backed by the use of the mob, Mr WALKER, Energy Secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

He also said a fresh look at the industry's investment programme would be needed following the end of the year-long strike.

Mr PETER HORDERN (C, Horsham) had sought confirmation that "in view of the courage and tenacity of the miners who continued to work in the face of great provocation, the investment programme of the NCB remains intact."

With Mr Michael Eaton, NCB chief spokesman, listening from the public gallery, Mr WALKER told him that the investment programme would have to be reviewed to deal with the considerable damage done to plant, machinery and coal faces throughout the dispute.

Repeatedly pressed for an amnesty for all miners who have been sacked during the dispute, Mr Walker indicated that even miners whom the courts had cleared of offences might not get their jobs back.

Tribute to police

He said in a statement that it was vital that the industry returned to normal working and recovered from the damage done in the past year.

Conservatives cheered when Mr Walker paid tribute to the police, who had ensured that organised mob picketing did not deprive people of their freedom to go to their place of work.

Mr ORME, Shadow Energy Secretary, said the cost of the strike had been assessed independently at more than £3½ billion. But Mr WALKER said the position was "complicated" and was still being examined.

Mr Walker added: "But it is nothing compared with the cost if any government decided than when somebody makes a totally unreasonable demand and uses the mob to support it, that demand should be met."

Mr ORME urged Mr Walker to organise a speedy negotiated agreement, which was the only way forward for both the industry and Britain.

"The fortitude and tenacity with which the men and women of the coalfields have fought to uphold and defend their communities and jobs have the admiration and support of this side of the House," said Mr Orme.

Mr WALKER said that at no time during the strike had Labour officially criticised Mr Scargill for failing to make any move towards a settlement.

There was a further basis for a settlement following the talks between the Coal Board and the TUC when a document was prepared giving careful consideration to the points put to the board and including the Nacods agreement.

Replying to Mr Michael Morris (C., Northampton S.), the Energy Secretary) said the dispute had been totally unjustified.

"The important thing now is for the investment to go into the industry, for that investment to be used wisely, for the markets lost to be regained and for the unity of the mining communities and the NUM to be restored."

Mr STEEL, Liberal leader, said the only worthwhile investment would be if the parties recognised the lessons from the dispute.

The lesson for the union was that politically motivated strikes dependent on intimidation rather than a ballot would not work.

'Arrogant management'

The lesson for the Coal Board was that "arrogant and high-handed management" would not work.

For the Government the lesson was that generous redundancy payments were no substitute for dealing with the social and economic problems of communities affected by pit closures.

Mr WEDGWOOD BENN, former Labour Energy Secretary, claimed that when history came to be written, the miners' struggle would be seen as a turning point in the battle against monetarism.

"After spending £5 billion of taxpayers' money, after throwing the full apparatus of the state — police, magistrates, judges media and the Government itself—against the miners, you have totally failed to win the support of the majority of miners for the policy of the Cabinet," he told Mr Walker.

Mr WALKER: Vital for the industry to return to normal working.

Mr WALKER retorted that Mr Benn's own record towards the miners was "appalling" when compared with that of the present government. Mr Benn had given worse pay, invested less and was far less generous on redundancy.

Mr ROY MASON (Lab. Barnsley C), appealed to Mr Walker to grant an amnesty for the 1.416 miners arrested on the picket lines but since acquitted.

Mr WALKER said that all cases, whether they had been the subject of court proceedings or not would be dealt with by the Coal oard on the "actual individual circumstances concerned with each case.

"If the Coal Board consider that someone had been involved in physical violence, or any damage to a coal pit, they will take the appropriate action.

Defended their class

"That person will have all the protection available if any wrongful action is taken by the NCB."

Mr DAVID NELLIST (Lab, Coventry SE) said that there would be no peace in the coal fields until a general amnesty was granted to miners who had defended their union, defended their class and defended their communities in the last 12 months.

But Mr WALKER told him: "The fact that a person has been acquitted of a particular offence is not a guarantee that he will continue if, in view of the management, that person has committed an offence against the interests of the company."

As always, employers must decide whether someone was suitable to continue employment in a particular company.

Mr Walker's remarks bought a warning from Mr DENNIS SKINNER (Lab, Bolsover) who said: "If the miners' union cannot get an amnesty for all, the resistance must continue.

"The overtime ban will not be taken off and we will carry out this war of attrition which will result finally in victory."

'Absurd' charges

Mr ELDON GRIFFITHS (C., Bury St Edmunds), Parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said no one was more anxious for reconciliation than the police.

To assist in that, those who had made "absurd" charges against the police should now drop them.

As to an amnesty, Mr Griffiths said that while minor offences could properly be forgotten, the criminal law must take its course when violence was involved.

Mr WALKER told Mr Cecil Franks (C., Barrow and Furness) that the first priority was to restore the industry from its present position of considerable insolvency and damage.

No immediate consideration was being given to privitisation of the mines.

The Speaker, Mr Weatherill, rejected a request from Mr Nellist for an emergency debate on the refusal to grant an amnesty for sacked miners.

ASSURANCE ON PRISON CHAPLAINS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

There were very careful interviewing procedures for prison chaplains, said Lord ELTON, Home Office Minister in the Lords, when Lord Campbell of Alloway asked him yesterday what steps were taken to avoid the appointment of active male homosexuals to such posts and, in particular, to prevent their access to young people detained in prison.

Lord Elton said he found no instance of homosexual behaviour by prison chaplains in the past 25 years.

The Bishop of DERBY, the Rt Rev. Cyril Bowles, said the appointment of Anglican chaplains was done with great thoroughness and judgment by those who knew the chaplains concerned.

Each had to be licensed by the bishop of the diocese, who was bound to make careful inquiries before he gave his licence.

SLOW RESPONSE TO TRIDENT

Out of 120 companies invited to bid for ballistics work on the Trident missile system up to the end of September, 1984 only 42 had responded, Lord TREFGARNE, Armed Forces Under-Secretary, told the Lords yesterday after he had been urged to give more work to British firms.

He added that the number of United Kingdom firms qualified to bid for work on the Trident weapon system programme had now increased to about 300.

Protection in Ulster to be reviewed

MR HURD, Northern Ireland Secretary, reaffirmed his determination that terrorism had to be defeated when he reported in the Commons yesterday on last week's mortar attack on Newry police station.

He said an urgent review was under way to see if further measures should be taken to protect buildings from terrorist attacks, following the deaths of nine RUC officers in the blast.

But he added the warning that "no building can be made impregnable."

After giving his statement to MPs on the mortar attack and the murders of a UDR man and an RU offer, he said: "What may be emerging is a deliberate attempt by the terrorists to single out Catholic members of the security forces."

He stressed that while political progress in Northern Ireland was essential, it could not be regarded as a substitute for a robust security policy.

'Political' murder

His firm stance against terrorism was echoed from all sides of a subdued Commons. Mr PETER ARCHER, Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, told him: "We condemn, as you have, the cold-blooded use of murder for any political objective".

Mr MERLYN REES, Labour's former Northern Ireland Secretary, complained: "Too often, in this country, those who murder and kill in Ireland are regarded *somehow* as freedom fighters, They are not."

All paramilitaries believed in murder "as superior to the ballot box." He called on Mr Hurd to make it clear that the mortar attack was not a new weapon.

Mr HURD replied: "This type of equipment has been used 20 times with a remarkable lack of success up to this point."

It was a totally indiscriminate attack which could have killed large numbers of people living near the police station.

Mr RICHARD NEEDHAM (C. Wiltshire N.), who as the Earl of Kilmorey, holds an Irish peerage, broke down when trying to question Mr Hurd about reports that people in Newry had celebrated the attack.

Mr HURD told him that after visiting Newry on Friday his strong impression was that local people from both communities "were deeply shocked and angered" by the attack.

"I hope that anger and shock will be translated into active co-operation to forestall any similar attacks in the future."

Mr DALE CAMPBELL-SAVOURS (Lab. Workington) asked what security steps would be taken following the bomb after last week's Northern Ireland-England football match, and terrorist warnings that sportsmen visiting the province would be at risk.

Mr HURD said: "Obviously the RUC pay particular attention to sporting occasions. They have to.

"But I must say I would very much hope and expect that sporting organisations in the UK and throughout the world will treat that particular piece of bravado with the contempt it deserves."

MINORITY LEADERS
Appeal by Lord Fitt

In the Lords, the former SDLP leader and ex-West Belfast MP, Lord FITT, appealed to Catholic minority leaders in the Province to begin supporting the security forces in the aftermath of the Newry Bombing.

He recalled "the howls of protest after three IRA men were killed in Strabane."

Lord Fitt added: "Would it not be right to pose the question . . . if the security forces had apprehended that lorry loaded with mortars, two minutes before they were unleashed at the police station, would there not have been a howl of protest from Cardinal Fee and Peter Barry (Irish Foreign Minister) and leaders of the minority in the Province?"

GULF WIDENED
Paisley 'outrage'

KENNETH CLARKE in Belfast writes: Shortly before Mr Hurd made his Commons statement the gulf between the Government and Unionist politicians was stretched wider at an emergency session of the Northern Ireland Assembly in Belfast.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, expressed outrage that neither Mr Hurd nor other senior ministers had attended the funerals of the victims of last Thursday's mortar raid in Newry, nor had been at the Assembly debate.

Mr Paisley was critical that Mr Hurd had not attended Stormont as he had been asked to. "It is not good enough in the hour of Ulster's agony for Mr Hurd not to do his duty in this Assembly."

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, responded later by pointing out that the province was part of the United Kingdom, "and some of the people who made those criticisms are concerned to keep it so.

"In the United Kingdom, statements are made by Government Ministers in the House of Commons and Northern Ireland MPs can be there to question them."

During the emergency debate at Stormont, the Democratic Unionists demanded a "relentless offensive" against terrorism.

Investment going on unemployment says Hattersley

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

GOVERNMENT spending forecasts had been wrong in four out of the last five years, said Mr HATTERSLEY, Opposition Deputy Leader, in yesterday's Commons debate on public expenditure.

He suggested that the Government preferred to invest in unemployment rather than in jobs.

And while that was the case, he added, not only would the economy decline but public expenditure forecasting would constantly be wrong.

In opening the debate on a motion taking note of the White Paper on Government expenditure plans until 1988, Mr PETER REES, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said only an incurable optimist would expect this annual document to be received with rapturous acclaim. He approached his task with suitable diffidence.

The constant Government aim since 1979 was to pursue a sustainable level of public spending and to reduce public borrowing.

It had been the basis for steady, unspectacular, non-inflationary growth with inflation now only a third of the 1975-79 average.

500,000 more jobs

Gross Domestic Product was at its highest level ever and non-oil exports last year were up nine per cent. (£7 billion) to an all-time high.

Employment, too, was rising with an extra 500,000 jobs in the 18 months to last September.

All the indications were for continuing growth in output in the year ahead and prudent financial policies had been a crucial ingredient in the process.

If this Government had shown its willingness to face the implications of rigorous public spending targets the White Paper also demonstrated its continuing commitment to certain sensitive areas.

The social security programme had been more than maintained and the health and social services programme was to increase further in real terms.

Defence spending

Both the Manpower Services Commission and the Department of Employment job creation schemes were being maintained.

Following rapid growth in defence spending up to 1985-86 — 3 per cent a year in line with Nato commitments — they now planned to consolidate this in later years.

Targets set for the nationalised industries planned for total external finance to fall from £3·21 billion in 1984-85 to minus £110 million in 1987-88.

It had been suggested that such targets showed a measure of optimism verging on unreality and that they could be achieved only by insensitive and insupportable price increases. But critics paid scant regard to savings which increased efficiency could generate.

Savings between three and five per cent a year were commonplace in the private sector, so was it really too much to expect the same in the public one.

The White Paper was a blueprint for living within our means and he commended it on that basis.

Mr HATTERSLEY called for higher State spending to tackle unemployment which would at least match the cost of the pits dispute.

If we could afford £3·5 billion to fight the miners this year why could we not afford to spend as much next year in fighting unemployment.

The Government had spent this to ensure its freedom to destroy jobs in the mines but fighting unemployment was not one of it priorities.

Mr HATTERSLEY: Fighting unemployment not a Government priority.

He believed this White Paper contributed directly, he thought intentionally, to unemployment by cutting local authority spending and bringing about Civil Service reductions. Each would bring more lost jobs.

The combination of Government prejudice and ignorance which posed as economic policy was bound to result in sudden cuts of public spending. It would generate more unemployment and decrease overall economic activity to bring additional budgetary burdens.

They had increased public spending and reduced the levels of public service.

"They had done appalling damage to international confidence in this country. Speculation against sterling should not surprise us while the Chancellor of the Exchequer consistently fell over his own feet.

In a maiden speech, Mr MICHAEL PORTELLO (C., Enfield Southgate) paid tribute to his predecessor Sir Anthony Berry, who was killed in the IRA bomb outrage at Brighton last October.

Mr Portello said it was a paradox that a kind and gentle man like Sir Anthony should have lost his life at the hands of the men of violence.

He also paid tribute to Lady Berry, who he said had borne her bereavement with great dignity and courage.

Mr Portello accepted that there were people who believed with absolute conviction that the way to reduce unemployment was to increase public spending.

"I would ask that they also understaond the absolute sincerity with which a number of us believe that to increase public spending would lead to increased taxation, and that would lead to fewer jobs and higher unemployment."

Help the poor

Mr RICHARD WAINWRIGHT (Lib., Colne Valley), economics spokesman for his party, said the Alliance would rather see the Chancellor help those in the greatest poverty, than to raise tax threshholds which would benefit large numbers of people not in urgent need of the money

"The essential thing in this debate in our view is to try and persuade the Government not to reduce public expenditure, and not to repent of the covert increases in public spending which they have carried out to the tune of an average three per cent a year since 1980."

Today in Parliament

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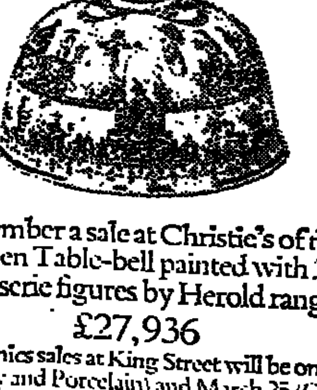

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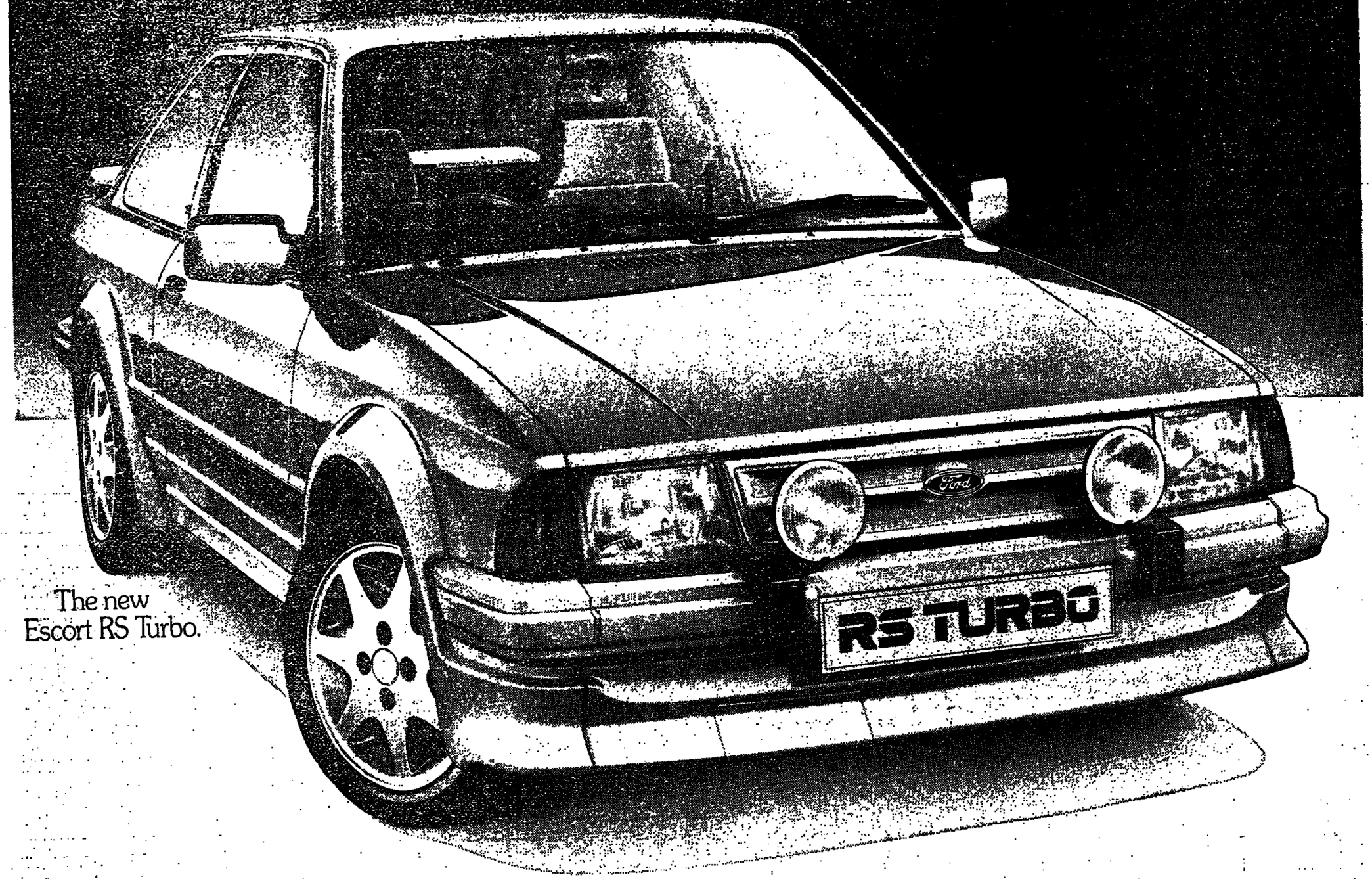

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The Department also gives notice that it has available for purchase, at a cost of £500, a package of information on the petroleum potential of the above areas. This information includes an assessment of prospects in North-East Ireland by V. C. Illing and Partners; a synopsis of the 1981 and 1983 seismic surveys in parts of Counties Antrim and Tyrone, Londonderry and Armagh; a technical report by Mr T. J. Papworth of Geominerals Exploration Incorporated on the processing of seismic data acquired across areas covered by surface basalt; and a synthesis of available geological and geochemical data.

The Department will be pleased to arrange, on request, discussions with Dr L. V. Illing and Mr A. E. Griffith (Director of the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland) in London during March and April 1985 for those companies which purchase the information package. Discussions of the geophysical data can also be arranged with Mr Papworth.

Companies wishing to purchase the package, which includes details of licensing terms and arrangements and a copy of a map showing the areas to be licensed, should forward their remittance (cheques to be made payable to "Department of Economic Development") to Minerals Branch, Department of Economic Development, Netherleigh, Massey Avenue, Belfast BT4 2JP. The package will be forwarded to them immediately and licence applications may be submitted at any time prior to the closing date of 28 June 1985.

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THE ARTS

MUSIC / Nikolai Petrov

Bach on a grand

HAVING to step in for so eminent a colleague as Emil Gilels must be a harrowing prospect. But Nikolai Petrov, a Soviet pianist in his early 40s instantly proved with his **Festival Hall** recital that he is an artist to be reckoned with.

The width of his Bach selection implied that his commitment—or maybe that of Soviet pianists generally — to play this composer's music on a modern grand is of longer standing than the current rebellion by Pollini, for example, against a keyboard purism that has banished Bach from the pianists' repertoire.

True Petrov started with a reading of the French Overture (Partita) in B minor B W V 831, which — Steinway and eight omitted repeats apart — was a model of stylistic propriety as well as of lively characterisation. How charmingly the "echo" concluded it all!

Yet there followed the prelude and fugue in E flat major for organ B W V 552 in a medley of transcriptions by Reger, Busoni and Petrov himself. Now usually no harpsichord is within sight while someone plays its music on the piano but this time the background was provided by a F H organ shrouded in silence. It made me long for an opportunity to sample the difference not least because in this case violations of the authenticity taboo include some altogether alien virtuosity effects when the organist's ordinary scales have to be played as right hand octaves.

To say nothing of the second encore Rachmaninov's arrangement of the Prelude from the E major Partita for solo violin—surely it never occurred to Bach that music could be played so fast. Petrov gave a captivating performance of Mozart's C-minor Fantasy invested with a sense of topicality as if it had been composed last week and with an unusually marked distinction between main ideas and merely connecting material. In Schubert's "Wanderer" Fantasy brilliances combine happily with transcendental depth.

Peter Stadlen

City University student Barbra Jarman taking well earned refreshments after waiting all night for a ticket for the Royal Insurance Armchair Proms at the Barbican Centre. Behind the counter are actresses Jane Booker (left) and Tina Jones who are appearing in one of this week's three Royal Shakespeare Company productions for which 700 stall seats are being offered under the scheme for £1—less than half price.

TELEVISION / Er, 11 dimensions did you say?

FACED with **Horizon** (BBC-2) on the single complete theory of the universe, your lay television reviewer can do one of three things. He can make an excuse and write about something else. He can nod sagely and regurgitate the jargon, hoping the awed customers will believe he's understood every word. Or he can latch desperately on to any passing bit of information that seems to make sense and keep his fingers crossed against the possibility of coming up with a printable result.

Oddly enough, this is almost exactly what some of the finest minds in particle physics have been doing this past 20 years. "They have devoted vast endeavour and ingenuity to their search," said Dr Sheldon Glashow, a trenchant Nobel Prize winner from Harvard, "and they have accomplished absolutely nothing. I like things you can find in the laboratory, not elegant theories."

The Ultimate Theory about which Dr Glashow is so sceptical (me, too, only he understands it) postulates the primal existence of a single physical force, which then split into four parts. Trying to re-unite them, even for a fleeting fraction of a micro-second, has been exercising the imaginations and the experimental resources of physicists in Geneva and America and elsewhere. They are also on the track of smaller and smaller atomic particles with fetching names like squark and wino and monopole but no provable existence, and concepts which got past my guard completely such as super-symmetry and super-gravity.

James Burge's and Andrew Millington's programme posed in extreme form the dilemma that regularly confronts our super-science series, namely, just where do you pitch the comprehension level? Do you alienate the S-level viewers by making it too simple, or the ones who switched on to watch "Panorama" by going over the top?

As the holder of a whiskered science O-level, I though they came up with a mostly fascinating middle way; I specially enjoyed the illustrated examples, like the drunk searching for his key under the lamp post, because it was the easiest place to look, and the one showing how two-dimensional beings would have the same problems understanding a third dimension as we do trying to grasp the possibility of a fourth. (If you were going to try, forget it — according to Burge and Millington, there may be 10 or 11 of the beastly things).

The more we got into "What Eistein Never Knew," the more it seemed that science and philosophy—and theology, not to mention "The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy," were all merging; four primaeval forces, the "four elements" of the ancients, four horsemen, neutrinos dancing on pinheads. Is the physicists' shimmering concept of ultimate reality simply a with-it name for God? Don't on any account, write to tell me: I'll wait for the next "Horizon."

Richard Last

RADIO / Baffling habit of gainsaying

THERE WAS a day last week (I think it was Wednesday) when every news programme I turned to, from Radio 4's **Today** to Radio 1's **Newsbeat** through the rest of the networks, was featuring a new Government anti-drug campaign plus some instant and adverse reaction to it. Used as one becomes to current affairs presented as conflict, it did seem a bit hard on Mr Fowler. Given that the nation's radio stations have all been urging official action on teenage heroin abuse for the past year through heart-rending documentaries and horrifying statistics it was baffling, to say the least, to hear the Social Services Secretary having to defend his campaign against accusations that, by publicising drug use, he might be encouraging it.

Radio programmes on the subject continue to pour forth. This morning Radio 4's **Tuesday Call** has drug abuse as its theme. Last Sunday night Radio Clyde broadcast an extraordinarily powerful play, **Flowers in the Sky**, in which the audience lived through the painful steps of parents who realise their son is a drug addict. The play was one in the series which Clyde have made in association with the Health Education Council and will be followed up all week with off-air counselling and on-air appearances by people, like playwright Tom McGrath, and actors David Kossoff and Joss Ackland, whose own experiences with addiction are highly relevant.

If there is one thing that local radio, both BBC and ILR, has proved it can do it is to inform people in a highly personal way of what is going on and to make the audience respond deeply and immediately. The government campaign could ask for no better backing.

If the pleasure of good drama, even when it deals with harsh subjects, is the way it makes reality more real there is, it must be added, a corresponding disappointment when you find yourself listening to a right turkey. Radio City, the Liverpool ILR, have spent time and money on **Bessie**, an eight-part biographical serial based on the life of Mrs Bessie Braddock, the battling Labour MP. The aim is epic, the result is pure poultry.

The bleak midwinter award for bubbling unaction must, however, go to William Davis's Tuesday night series on Radio 4, **A Touch of Midas?** If we hear a worse series of interviews all year I am prepared to eat a page of the nasty new RADIO TIMES. What has happened to Mr Davis? He used to be a highly incisive journalist, a respected "World at One" presenter, a person who appeared to take a little joy in thought. On the evidence of this series a set of conversations with self-made millionaires like himself, we got flattery by the bucket, gossip by the ounce, and insight by the milligram. I heard him say, before the good times of Messrs Forsyth, Caine, Maxwell and Lloyd-Webber started to roll, that he hopes the programme would be a bit inspirational to us all. Come back, Pollyanna, all is forgiven.

Gillian Reynolds

FOLK / Quilapayun

QUILAPAYUN began in the early 1960s as a group of three bearded young Chileans dedicated to their country's traditional music. Eventually the three were increased to seven and their touring range extended to Europe, where they found themselves when the Allende Government was overthrown in 1973.

In their latest visit to London from their base in Paris, they included an eighth man and an additional instrument, the piano—a significant sign of the enlargement of their musical vocabulary without prejudice to their traditional panpipes, flutes, strings and miscellaneous percussion.

At the **Royal Festival Hall** they excelled in a moving sequence of music and reflections on Galileo's "Eppur se Muove," as well as in a hilarious series of episodes, in German, French and English, in which various musicians write home about the vestiges of "authentic" folklore they have found on their travels. The examples included a touch of Bach, a reminder of the Beatles and, in France, the "Valse de Colombe" on pan-pipes, which Quilapayun had composed in honour of their host—Paris. A rare evening of good music, wit, self-mockery and sheer fun.

Maurice Rosenbaum

ART / Sigmar Polke

IT WOULD BE difficult to find a contrast more marked than that between the work of Sigmar Polke, seen at the **Anthony d'Offay Gallery** (Dering Street, off New Bond Street) in his first one-man show in Britain, and that of the East German painters now at the Barbican.

These two exhibitions have only one crucial thing in common. This is a potent sense of ZEITGEIST: in both exhibitions we are almost overwhelmed by an awareness of the obtrusive nature of the world in which the artist finds himself, and into which he enters. Nothing could be more revealing of the contrasts between East and West Germany. There is though one other common factor in the work of Polke and the East German artists. Both have a partiality for large paintings. Their content is, however, totally different.

Polke quite rightly is included in the impressive exhibition entitled "The European Iceberg," now in Canada at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto. It has the sub-title, "Creativity in Germany and Italy Today," and is an authoritative survey of the new painting in those countries, which is at the moment everywhere attracting attention.

Polke's work at Anthony d'Offay's reinforces the impression created by his major retrospective exhibition held last year in Cologne and Zurich. Like many of today's most worthwhile artists, at work in West Germany, he has a powerful feeling for the voluptuous appeal of oil paint.

At times his work is abstract, but recognisable images keep creeping in, and indeed become obsessive. His is a world for which successive Kassel "Documenta" have prepared us.

It is a world where not just art is in crisis, but where the artist expresses a sense of the all-pervading crisis in society.

Terence Mullaly

PUPPETS / St Francis

IN ADVANCE, the idea of staging as a puppet play St Francis preaching to the birds seemed an unpromising one. Action is essential for puppets, and this theme seemed likely to be almost devoid of physical action, while making great demands on the puppeteers for the expression of spiritual values.

In fact John Wright's "St Francis and the Birds," given its premiere on Saturday afternoon at the **Little Angel Theatre**, Islington, proved to be a masterly interpretation of this challenging theme. After much research he found a book with a translation into noble period English of the sermon to the birds of St Francis, and also discovered photographs of parts of the actual robes worn by the saint.

Being a highly gifted sculptor, he carved a wonderfully sensitive figure of the saint, also a fine variety of birds, and his puppeteers, led by Ronnie Le Drew, came to grips with the problem of causing the marionette figures of the saint and the birds to move in a convincing and expressive way.

The whole piece looked beautiful, and the ending was magical, with five birds bowing in unison to St Francis as he left them, then flying off in different directions; circling flocks of birds appeared (in back-projection) on the translucent backcloth, and the imaginative use of slides caused beautiful images to appear on the screen: the sun, the moon, a cross, and a blaze of light.

These changing images were admirably accompanied by music by Liszt inspired by St Francis. At the end we saw a mysterious silhouette of St Francis in the countryside. Here was a very moving puppet piece, full of spiritual values, and quite unlike any other I have seen.

Two delightful revivals completed the programme: "The Deluge," presenting in medieval style a compilation of two mystery plays about Noah and the Flood, and a very funny surrealist puppet ballet "What! More tigers!" showing menacing tigers threatening to take over a town.

Fernau Hall

ECO's conductor

By Our Arts Staff

Jeffrey Tate, 41, has been appointed principal conductor of the English Chamber Orchestra, the first such appointment in the orchestra's 25-year history.

Mr Tate is beginning to make a habit of such appointments. He has only just been made the first ever principal conductor at the Royal Opera, a post he takes up next year.

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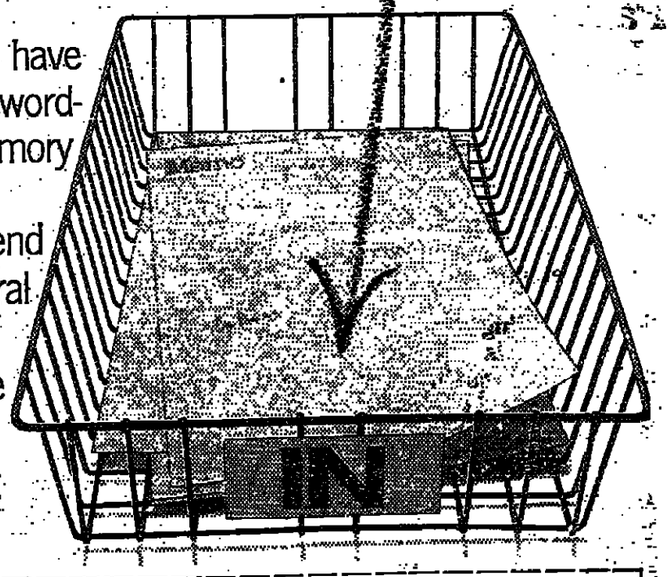

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March 4.

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The Queen was received by the Chief Whip (the Right Hon. John Wakeham, MP) and the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household (the Hon. Robert Boscawen, MP).

Mrs John Dugdale, the Right Hon. Sir Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this evening attended a Concert given by the University of London Student Orchestra in aid of the Save the Children Fund, of which Her Royal Highness is President, at The Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, SE1.

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 4.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening attended the premiere of the film "2010" in aid of the Trust, at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square.

Mr David Roycroft and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were in attendance.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Special Preview of the 1985 Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition at Earls Court.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Victor Chapman and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, R N were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales has agreed to become Patron of the Purcell School.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will attend the inaugural concert of the St John Musical Society of Scotland at the University of Stirling on Thursday.

A memorial service for the Rt Rev. M. A. Hodson will be held today in Hereford Cathedral at noon.

A memorial service for Sir Robert Fraser will be held today at St James's, Piccadilly at 4 p.m.

A memorial service for Major Derek Wigan will be held today at the Guards Chapel at 11.30 a.m.

The organisers of the Lachasse at Lambeth fashion show, in aid of the Purcell School of Music, being held today, announce that all tickets have now been sold.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir David Cairns is 85 today; Mr Rex Harrison is 77; Mr Howard Thomas 76; Sir Frank Figgures 75; Archbishop Bruno Heim 74; Sir John Marshall 73; Sir Anthony Rawlinson 59; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres 58; Mr Barry Tuckwell 54; and Sir Walter Marshall 53.

Today is the anniversary of the death of Stalin in 1953.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr P. R. Byers and Miss K.-L. Grinling

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Paul Richard Byers, R E M E, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Byers, of Effingham, Surrey, and Karen-Lucie (Tikki) Grinling, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. H. Grinling, of Chapel House Farm, Okewood Hill, Surrey.

Mr R. E. Grimshaw and Miss R. A. Kinnaird

The engagement is announced between Ewing, elder son of Major-General and Mrs E. H. W. Grimshaw, of The Trellis House, Copford Green, Colchester, Essex, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kinnaird, of Carrigmachan, Upper Quarry Road, Belfast 4.

Mr H. S. M. Ruttle and Miss F. J. Mitchell-Innes

The engagement is announced between Henry Stephen Mayo, son of His Honour H. S. J. Ruttle and the late Mrs Ruttle, of West Lodge, Wimbledon Common, London, and Fiona Jane, youngest daughter of Mr W. G. Mitchell-Innes and of Mrs Pauline Mitchell-Innes, of The Old School House, Trent, Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr C. M. D. Batt and Miss K. M. Hickey

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Dr and Mrs B. J. Batt, of The White House, Wickhambrook, Suffolk, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. P. Hickey, of Littlethorpe Manor, Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Mr C. Silver and Miss E. Hayes

The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Mr and Mrs Silver, of Durban, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs H. H. Hayes, of Johannesburg.

MEETING

Royal Over-Seas League

Lord Home of the Hirsel was guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. His subject was "Britain's Security." Sir David Scott, Chairman of the League, presided.

MASONIC NEWS

Mr M. J. Richardson, chairman of the Board of Management, presided at the annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Hospital in the presence of Lord Cornwallis, Pro Grand Master of United Grand Lodge, and more than 3,000 Freemasons at the Central Hall, London. The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of United Grand Lodge, was elected President; Lord Cornwallis Vice-President; Lord Mais treasurer and J. A. P. Whinney auditor.

Eighteen members elected to the Board of Management were W. E. Adams, P. T. Baly, M. Crombie, Col. F. J. N. Davis, M. Foster Taylor, Maj. K. F. L. Harris, A. H. Ley, R. W. Merrick, J. A. Nye, C. D. F. Oldham, S. J. Patmore, C. E. C. Ross, J. L. L. Savill, A. J. Sheppard, A. T. Storey, P. S. Wallis, J. Webb and J. R. Wells.

It was reported that the Board of Management will continue to be fully responsible for running the Hospital since withdrawal of the American Medical International bid, and were urgently considering ways of raising the necessary funds to meet the current deficit of almost £500,000. All Freemasons are being approached for support. It was resolved that a special general meeting of Hospital governors be convened to amend the constitutions to allow for postal voting and that the present system of weighted voting be retained.

BRIDGE NEWS

By Our Bridge Correspondent

Several major national bridge pairs championships were played during the weekend. The results were as follows:

Grand Masters (Birmingham): 1 A. H. Dunton and I. M. Morrison (Scotland) 680 mps; 2 J. M. Armstrong and G. T. Kirby (North West) 668 mps; 3 M. Hirst and P. Shields (Glos. and Som.) 646 mps; 4 R. Semp and R. Hirst (NW) 642½ mps; 5 B. Senior and S. J. Ray (Notts and NE) 631½ mps; 6 A. R. Forrester and S. J. Lodge (Yorks and Middx) 635½ mps.

Life Masters (Birmingham): 1 P. A. Hervey and P. A. Bowyer (Leics) 2298 mps; 2 W. A. March and W. Nicol (NE) 2251 mps; 3 M. J. Willoughby and R. W. Sharpe (Warks and Notts) 2252 mps; 4 S. L. Enimon and Miss M. Brunner (NW) 2244 mps; 5 T. R. Rees and D. Scot-Jones (Berks and Bucks and London) 2222 mps; 6 equal D. Jepson and P. D. Littlewood (Yorks) and R. G. Moore and J. Cuthbert (Herts) 2195 mps.

National Masters (Birmingham): 1 R. Gibbons and G. Horsley (Herts) 2488 mps; 2 R. A. Sissons and P. D. Roberts (Kent) 2426 mps; 3 W. M. Orriel and M. N. Laville (Worcs) 2389 mps; 4 S. Korbolia and T. Marl'n (Som.) 2377 mps; 5 J. M. Kimpton and Dr J. Tomlinson (Derby and Yorks) 2168 mps; 6 T. O'Donovan and T. A. Horesby (Kent) 2367 mps.

Regional Masters (Birmingham): 1 J. D. Moore and Mrs S. Stubbins (Hants and Isle of Wight) 3179 mps; 2 P. D. Kelly and P. S. Corkarne (Notts) 3135 mps; 3 J. Rudolf and B. Kirchenbaum (NW and Staffs) 3085 mps; 4 M. K. Watts and T. J. M. Glubb (Sussex) 3073 mps; 5 Mr and Mrs G. A. Morris (Warks) 3056 mps; 6 M. A. T. Smith and D. Ivalt (Hants and Isle of Wight) 3021 mps.

Star Masters (Bristol, London and Leeds): 1 P. Elton and G. J. Nicholas (Oxon and Som.) 5290 mps; 2 T. Gibbard and D. Porch (Oxon and Northants) 5101 mps; 3 Mrs A. M. Sampson and R. S. Price (Surrey) 5041 mps; 4 T. S. Gibson and C. I. Davies (Herts) 4951 mps; 5 S. E. and V. A. Kenniwell (Worcs) 4858 mps; 6 Mrs B. Pinto and W. Harvey (Middx) 4836 mps.

TODAY'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN holds Investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; opens new wing of Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables at Putney, 3.

Prince and Princess of Wales visit King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery at St John's Wood, Ordnance Hill, N.W.8, 10.30.

Princess Anne, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, attends Production and Performance Awards at Grosvenor House Hotel, 6.45.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.

British Museum: Peter Vannage, "Early Christian women," 11.30; "A man's world: women in ancient Greece," 1.15.

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition opens, Earls Court, 10-8 p.m.

Royal Festival Hall: Exhibition of work by Temi Ungerer.

M/V "Welsh Falcon" alongside HMS Belfast in Pool London.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN attends Service at St Paul's Cathedral to mark Golden Jubilee of King George's Jubilee Trust, followed by Reception at Goldsmiths' Hall, 11.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of the University of London, attends Foundation Day Ceremony at School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, 1.30; attends Reception given by Mr R. C. A. S. ..., Acting High Commissioner for India, 9, Kensington Palace Gardens, 6.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Victor Harris, "The Japanese ...," 11.30; "Barbara ..., Women in Islamic painting," 1.15.

National Gallery: Michael Rosenthal, "Mrs ... and A. ...," 1.

Victoria & Albert Museum: Ronald ..., ..., "The Tudor Kings: Henry VII and Henry VIII," 1.15.

St Bride's, Fleet St: Mervyn Bocking, organ, 1.15.

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LUNCHEONS

Primrose League

The Earl of Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, and Mr Harry Greenway, M P, were guest speakers at a luncheon given yesterday by the Ealing Branch of the Primrose League at the Ealing Catering College. Mr Ronnie Politeyan, Ruling Councillor, who was accompanied by Mrs Politeyan, presided. Mr John Dobson, Major Howard Fisher, Group Captain N. G. Goodman and the Rev. W. J. Harris were also speakers.

Coal Industry Society

Mr Ian MacGregor, Chairman of the National Coal Board, was principal guest at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr W. Pybus, Vice-President of the Society, presided and the vote of thanks was given by Mr David Loveridge, Chairman.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

The following awards have recently been made by Marlborough College:

SIXTH FORM ENTRY

Scholarships: Zelda Baveystock, Wimbledon High School, London; Zoe Dayan (Music), James Allen's Girls' School, London; Nicola Neary, Benenden School, Cranbrook; Chloe Stewart (Art), Ipswich High School.

Exhibitions: Caroline Clarke (Clergy), Bishop of Llandaff Church-in-Wales High School; Anna Davitt, St Clare's Convent School, Porthcawl; Polly Goodman (Music), The Abbey School, Reading; Angela Whitaker, Howell's School, Llandaff.

13+ ENTRY

Music Scholarships: Sean Hargreaves, Cranleigh Preparatory School, Surrey; William Philpps, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; William Thorp, Foremarke Hall, Repton Preparatory School, Derby; Adam Wake, Westminster Abbey Choir School, London.

Academic and Art Scolarships will be eled in May. Closing date April 28.

FUNERAL

Mr J. P. Vaughan

The funeral service for Mr John Paul Vaughan, formerly Headmaster of Hillscourt School, was held in Guildford Cathedral on Wednesday, Feb. 27. The Dean of Guildford officiated, assisted by the Rev. Robert Sweeney, who also gave an address. The lesson, from the Book of Revelation, was read by Mr Michael Vaughan.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr Herbert Lea

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Herbert Lea, President of N A C A M National Association of Corn and Agriculture Merchants), 1946-47, and Chairman of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany, Cambridge, in 1956 and 1967, was held yesterday at the Church of All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, London, E.C.3.

The lesson was read by Mr Philip Lea, and Mr Anthony Andrews, President of the Association, gave the address.

The service was attended by Mrs Lea widow) and other members of the family, and friends and colleagues in the agricultural supply trade.

Latest Wills

ARNOLD, Mrs Kathleen M., Hammersmith	Net £203,970
BAYS, Mrs Vera, Kirk Ella, Humberside	391,551
BEESLEY, Mrs Emily M., Prestwood, Bucks	201,876
BLACKMORE, S. M., Exeter	554,880
ARROWSMITH-BROWN, Mrs Aline, Perrymead, Bath	640,274
HUNT, Lt-Col A., Crowcombe, Somerset	355,528
JACKSON, Mrs Marion, Pickering, North Yorks	660,685
LEWIS, Dr G. W., Leeds	557,751
MARKHAM, W., Leicester	389,815
REYNOLDS, Mrs Edith B., Selly Park, Birmingham	275,070
SAMUELS, J. S., Chelsea	172,384
SLADE, Felice V., Westerham, Kent	219,192
THOMPSON, L. F., Tadworth, Surrey	244,501
CLARKSON WEBB, Mrs Hilda M., Eastbourne	182,829
INTESTATE	Gross
FOOT, R. J., Dorchester	£301,166

DINNERS

The Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of former and present Vice-Chamberlains of the Royal Household. Those present were:

The Earl and Countess of Airlie, Lord and Lady Maclean, the Hon. Robert Boscawen, M.P., and Mrs Boscawen, Sir Walter Clegg, M.P., and Lady Clegg, Mr Michael Cocks, M.P., and Mrs Cocks, Mr Donald Coleman, M.P., and Mrs Coleman, Mr John Concannon, M.P., Mr John Cope, M.P., and Mrs Cope, Mr and Mrs Alan Fitch, Mr James Hamilton, M.P., and Mrs Hamilton, Sir Paul Hawkins, M.P., and Lady Hawkins, Mr Carol Mather, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs Mather, Sir Jasper More, Mr and Mrs Charles Morris, Sir Richard and Lady Thompson, Mr John Wakeham, M.P., Mr and Mrs William Whitlock, Miss Mabs Dodd and Mr Murdo MacLean.

Society of Conservative Lawyers

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Q.C., M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Society of Conservative Lawyers held last night at the Savoy. The Chairman, Sir Edward Gardner, Q.C., M.P., presided and a vote of thanks was given by Sir Ian Percival, Q.C., M.P. Others present were:

Sir Michael Havers, Q.C., M.P., Mr Nicholas Lyell, Q.C., M.P., Mr Leolin Price, Q.C., Miss Beryl Cooper, Q.C., Mr James Lemkin and Mr Nigel Thomas.

European-Atlantic Group

The European-Atlantic Group held a dinner last night at the Institute of Directors in honour of Mr Abba Eban, after a meeting in the Grand Committee Room, House of Commons, sponsored by Mr Eldon Griffiths, M P, at which Mr Eban spoke on "The Balance of the Western Alliance." The Chairman at both the meeting and the dinner was Lord Chalfont and the vote of thanks was moved by Lord Layton. The Ambassadors of Chile, Israel and Belgium and other members of the Diplomatic Corps attended.

University College London Union Debating Society

Lord and Lady Molloy and Sir James Lighthill, Provost of University College, and Lady Lighthill were guests of honour at the 157th annual foundation dinner and debate of University College London Union Debating Society held last night at the College. The President, Miss Christiane Harris, was in the chair. Speakers at the dinner were Lord Molloy, Miss Alexandra Johnstone, Mr Peter Farrington and Mr Paul Kalraiya, and in the debate, Mr Leon Brittan, Q.C., M.P., Home Secretary, Mr Bryan Gould, M.P., Mr Charles Kennedy, M.P., and Mr Richard Alexander, M.P.

£36,000 BEWICK GRANT

By Our Estates Correspondent

THE Government's heritage "watchdog" quango, the National Heritage Memorial Fund, has made a grant of £36,360 to the Thomas Bewick Birthplace Trust to acquire 150 of Bewick's original woodblocks for his natural history books.

The collection of blocks has been brought back from the United States where it was taken after a sale of Berwick's work in Newcastle in the early 1950s.

Mr Brian Lang, of the memorial fund, said: "These blocks are in excellent condition and can produce prints as good as those taken when first cut in the late 18th and early 19th centuries."

The whole course of 19th century book and periodical illustration was influenced by Bewick's example and the blocks will form the nucleus of a collection of exhibits and reference material explaining the art and craft of wood engraving.

Study centre

Bewick's birthplace, Cherryburn, Mickley in Northumberland, is to be developed as a study centre and museum devoted to the history of wood engraving.

The woodblocks are now on exhibition at St Bride Printing Library Museum, St Bride's Institute, Fleet Street.

The fund, set up under the National Heritage Act 1980, aids the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of buildings, land, works of art and other items of outstanding interest and importance to the national heritage.

JEWELLERY SALE FOR LIFEBOAT

By Our Art Sales Correspondent

A mystery gift of a superb collection of jewellery is to finance a new Arun-class lifeboat for Newhaven, Sussex, costing £390,000.

The jewellery, which includes a 12·64 carat Colombian emerald set in an Art Deco ring and valued at £200,000, is being sold for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution by Phillips at an auction in London on March 26.

The donation came from an elderly lady living in London who wishes to remain anonymous and other items range from a 19th Century diamond tiara to a diamond necklace with an interchangeable sapphire or aquamarine pendent.

CHANGES FOR NEWS AGENCY

The two principal owners of United Press International news agency, Mr Douglas Ruhe and Mr William Geissler, said yesterday they are to take steps to relinguish control in a programme to recapitalise the company and gurantee its future.

To allow restructuring of the ownership, Mr Ruhe also announced that Mr Luis Nogales, the president, and Mr Ray Wechsler, financial consultant, would stand down.—U P I

Eight craft awards for BBC

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

BBC TELEVISION has won eight out of the 11 British Academy television craft awards available in their field for the second year running.

"Threads," the BBC's drama-documentary that analysed the effects of a nuclear war on Sheffield, took three awards for the designer, Christopher Robilliard; film editor, Jim Latham; and film cameraman, Andrew Dunn.

The BBC children's programme, "Box of Delights" collected awards for John Mason, video lighting, and for Stephen Newnham as video tape editor.

Graphics prize

Other BBC awards went to John Kennedy and Graham McCullom for graphics in "Jane in the Desert," Lyndon Bird, David Old, and Keith Rodgerson for film sound in "The Living Planet," and to Ray Angel as sound supervisor in "Sounds Magnificent."

"The Jewel in the Crown" won two of ITV's three awards in make-up for Anna Jones and in costume design for Esther Dean and Diane Holmes. The third went to the video cameraman, Graham Berry, in Channel 4's "Treasure Hunt."

WORKING MEN'S CLUB WANTS 'MASTERMIND'

A working men's club chairman wants the chance to stage a heat of "Mastermind." Club officials in the unemployment black spots of the North of England say they can no longer afford live entertainment like comics, singers and strippers, to attract customers.

Mr David Shipley, chairman of the Coatsworth club in Gateshead, says quizzes are now the popular substitute. "For some reason the BBC always hold 'Mastermind' heats in posh places, like university halls, when the majority of fans are ordinary working people who are members of clubs like ours."

A BBC spokeswoman said: "Certainly a working men's club will be considered as a venue in the future."

ENVIRONMENT RISKS STUDIED

Threats to the environment wil be studied at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, when Dr Lewis Roberts becomes the first holder of a professorship in environmental risk assessment.

The Chair, which is designed to provide an independent source of guidance on environmental risks, such as the effects of acid-rain on Europe's forests or oil slicks on the coasts, is being funded by a £250,000 grant from the Wolfson Foundation.

BRIDGE TO CLOSE

By Our Transport Correspondent

Albert Bridge over the Thames will be closed this weekend to all but pedestrians and cyclists from 7.30 a.m. on Saturday until 5 p.m. on Sunday "for lighting work," said the GLC.

FOOTPATH ADVICE ISSUED

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

IN an attempt to improve relations between footpath users and owners and occupiers of land, the Country Landowners Association has issued detailed advice to its members on the blocking and ploughing of footpaths.

It follows an "access workshop think tank" called by the association last November when representatives of user organisations met landowners and occupiers in an attempt to produce a more constructive approach to providing a footpath network in country areas suitable to modern needs.

Miss Susan Bell, the association's land use adviser, told the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' conference at Stoneleigh: "It is time to create a better atmosphere.

"Inflexible adherence to the current network of paths is self-defeating. The time is long overdue for the protagonists in the access 'battle' to come out of their trenches where they have spent years defending the 'rights'."

Wildlife habitats

She said that inflexible adherance to the network was wrong and that today's recreation seeker did not have the same needs as his country cousin of years gone by.

Owners, local authorities and users had to work together to provide a network that provided "real pleasure" geared to today's users, while safeguarding land management requirements and wildlife habitats.

Miss Bell said: "The C L A recognises the enormous damage caused to good relations by some owners and occupiers obstructing or ploughing out paths."

We are therefore stepping up our advice on these issues with the publication of two new and clear advisory memoranda for C L A members on the legal and practical aspects of keeping footpaths clear and unobstructed".

Misuse of the countryside was a major barrier to improving access. The problem, she said, lay with a "careless, ignorant or downright malevolent minority."

She said that owners and occupiers had experienced trespass, litter, noise and damage, "and are not unnaturally fearful of increased access."

Miss Bell hit out at the conservationists when she added: "Much could be achieved if greater recognition was given by access users' representatives of the problems caused by ignorance and vandalism before they demand greater blanket access to the countryside. Owners and users could then make a concerted effort to solve the problems."

DRAINAGE OF FENS BY COMPUTER

The first radio and computer controlled land drainage and flood control system in Europe has started operating in the Fens of East Anglia.

It has been installed at a cost of £200,000 by the North Level Internal Drainage Board, to prevent flooding over 80,000 acres of low lying land between Paterborough and Wisbech, much of it below sea-level. It was originally drained by the Dutch engineer, Cornelius Vermuyden, during the 17th century.

Flood protection work has been a *major* priority since the floods in 1947.

OVERTIME BAN AT BRITISH LIBRARY

By Our Education Staff

Readers in the British Library will be affected from today by a ban o evening overtime by library assistants.

The assistants, members of the Civil Service Union, are refusing to collect books from shelves after 5 p.m. because the Library's Board plan to economise by cutting their overtime from four to two hours on mid-week evenings.

PAROLE POST

By Our Legal Correspondent

Lord Windlesham, 53, has been reappointed as chairman of the Parole Board for three years from uly 1. He was first appointed chairman in 1982. His part-time appointment carries a salaryy of £21,280 a year.

Obituary

LORD CHAMPION

Lord Champion, who has died aged 87, was Labour MP for South Derbyshire from 1945 to 1950 and for South East Derbyshire from 1950 to 1959. He was a government-appointed director of the British Sugar Corporation from 1960 to 1964 and in 1967-68.

Originally a railway signalman, Arthur Joseph Champion served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers in the 1914-18 War. He became a life peer in 1962 and was a British delegate to the Strasbourg Assembly. From 1964 to 1967 he was Minister Without Portfolio and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords. From 1967 to 1981 he was Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman of Committees, House of Lords.

Cdr A. M. WILLIAMS

Cdr Alfred Martyn Williams, who has died aged 87, was a Cornish landowner and leading Conservative who sat as M P for North Cornwall from 1924 to 1929. He served in the Royal Navy in the 1914-18 War after Osborne and Dartmouth. He was recalled in the 1939-45 War, and was awarded the DSC.

He was High Sheriff of Cornwall in 1938 and a Deputy Lieutenant from 1956. He was appointed a CBE in 1957.

'FRESH AIR AND FRUIT WILL SEE YOU TO 90'

Four-score years and ten could become the normal lifespan if people led a healthier lifestyle, Sir Richard Doll, Emiritus Professor of Medicine at Oxford, said yesterday.

While there was no evidence to suggest that life could ever be extended to much over 100 years, we could "reasonably aim at extending the normal lifespan to 85 or 90 years, with a few dying under 70," he said, launching a book on preventive medicine.

Tips for healthier lifestyle include brisk walks, plenty of fruit and vegetables, moderate drinking and no smoking.

The Value of Preventive Medicine, Ciba Foundation Symposium, Pitman Publishing, £27·95.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Proselytism

"HETEROSEXISM" — discrimiation or prejudice against homosexuals — is a newly developed sector of the discrimination industry. But (see this column, Jan. 23) it is already making giant strides.

According to an article in the NEW STATESMAN, there will probably be a debate at the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers this Easter on a motion which would instruct the executive to "promote constructive and positive attitudes to homosexuality in schools."

An information sheet has been prepared by the Advisory Centre for Education, picturesquely described as "the non-governmental education watchdog." The Centre "claims that even the most forward-looking authorities and schools ignore blatant discrimination against and harassment of lesbian and gay students."

The author of the information sheet, Miss Annie Hedges, "says that the majority of schools refuse to accept that homosexuality exists. It's hardly ever mentioned in lessons . . . yet the education system has a responsibility to take into account that there are many homosexuals in every school—with a possible frequency of one in 10."

This extremely dubious figure is, of course, part of the propaganda apparatus of those who, for whatever reason, are continually nagging away at us about this subject.

Miss Hedges's statement that "the majority of schools refuse to accept that homosexuality exists" is meaningless. Her statement that "it's hardly ever mentioned in lessons" is pernicious. Why on earth should it be?

The only effect of mentioning it in lessons and generally making schoolchildren aware of it will be to produce more homosexuals. Is that the real object of this exercise by the Advisory Council for Education?

If so, it is not merely pernicious but foolish. Homosexuality grows by proselytism. With the spread of A I D S, this is hardly the moment for it. Don't these propagandists, conscious or unconscious, realise that they are now in danger, not merely of boring people into the ground — they have been doing that for years—but of provoking an outburst of public anger which will do no good to anybody?

An Expert View

"OUTSIDE Kellingley Colliery . . . pickets drank a toast in whisky in praise of Mr Scargill. About 200 men and women picketed the pit gates and a well-wisher provided the bottle" (news report).

An Alcoholic Correspondent comments: On the coal-face of it, one bottle of whisky among 200 pickets must have provided one of the smallest toasts on record. Or was it one of the largest bottles of whisky on record, provided by an exceptionally generous well-wisher and requiring a team of well-wishers to manhandle it into position?

Such a bottle would be too large for any normal person to drink opt of without mechanical aid, such as a mobile crane or other bottle-tilting apparatus.

Were 200 glasses available? If so, did the pickets bring their own glasses or had the well-wisher ordered them from a local catering agency?

In the interests of accuracy, to say nothing of the accuracy of interests, well-wishers, pickets and Mr Scargill, these questions demand an answer, and vice versa.

A Perfect Pest

A STRANGE story in the WEST AUSTRALIAN of Perth (we have our agents everywhere), tells how Hans Tholstrop, described as an adventurer, was imprisoned for three days for not wearing a seat belt. "I stopped for a quick ice block at Wangaratta . . . and was picked up outside town," he said.

"Unfortunately I forgot to pay the $50 fine and I ended up doing three days . . . for the outstanding warrant. It's got to be the most expensive and troublesome ice block I've ever eaten in my life."

Some people in this country might think it troublesome enough to eat ice blocks at all. There is no accounting for tastes. But nobody here, as far as I know, has yet been jailed for not wearing a seat belt. Has anyone even been fined?

The news from Australia will anger Arthur Stunn of Nerdley, the man they call "Mr Seat Belt," who wears at least one seat belt, usually several, at all times, even in bed, though he does not drive and refuses to travel in cars on principle.

As the days pass and nobody is jailed for not wearing a seat belt, he grows more and more frustrated, dodging in and out of traffic and peering into moving cars to see if he can detect any malefactors.

The other day, to his indignation, he was arrested for causing an obstruction. But he came off best when he succeeded in entangling the policeman who arrested him in one of his seat belts. Another policeman who tried to help was also trapped and Mr Stunn succeeded in manoeuvring both to the railings of St Oick's Church and entangling the whole group.

Firemen were called, but also became trapped. By nightfall what has become only too familiar in the neighbourhood as a "Laocoön situation dimension" was well established.

Learning

"LIFE is a process of learning. Last week . . . I had lunch in Parliament with Maurice Nyagumbo, Secretary to the Politburo (*sic*), Minister of Mines and 22 years behind bars during the Smith Administration . . . there was not a trace of resentment in his voice about those 16,840 days in jail . . ." (from "Letter from Zimbabwe" in PICCADILLY PRESS, organ of the Rev. Donald Reeves's trend-infested St James's Church, Piccadilly).

The "Smith Administration," pre- and post-U D I, lasted only 15 years. Anyhow, 16,840 days is approximately 46 years, so the Politburo dignitary's lack of resentment is even more creditable.

Peter Simple

PERSONAL

Private £5 per line. Charity appeals £4 per line. Trade £9·50 per line.

HOW canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. Luke VI, v. 42.

ST. JUDE. Listens.—M.S.

ST. JUDE.—Miraculous infant Jesus and blessed mother, sincere thanks for all help, please urgently continue. AQ.L. and J.O.'s.

SIMON LINNEGAR is 21 today!—M. & D.

BRONWYN.—Happy birthday, cheers to the boys.—All love, D.

FLUFF.—Happy roses.—P.

DEAR GOD, A. Y. Thanks Eternally.—G.

IAN N. WILKINSON is 21 Today. Congratulations and best wishes Mum and Dad. (Whoopee—Yorkshire puddings tonight!)

BEAUTIFUL 3-piece Knole suite, green velour, £350 o.n.o.—942 7379.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PUSSYCAT, Lots of Love.—SWIMMING COACH.

ST JUDE.—Grateful thanks.—M. N.

MIKE.—Message re Pol & Mk. Ring K5917, 6 to 7 p.m.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT, Kenilworth, invites Old Girls to a Reunion on Saturday, 1st June at 2 p.m. R.S.V.P. by 15th May to Sister Mary Patrick.

DRISCOLL HOUSE HOTEL. 200 single rms., £55 p.w. partial board. Apply 172 New Kent Rd, London, S.E.1. 01-703 4175.

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP, accom. avail. Country house hotel, ½ hour drive from course. Tel. (0666) 89227.

GOSS CHINA wtd. by collector.—Write GC16348, Daily Telegraph, EC4.

SEED PEARL NECKLETS, etc. wanted any condition, also any old brooches, trinkets. Tel. 0895 38107 or write S.P.16370, Daily Telegraph, E.C.4.

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ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON DISCOVERS THE PLEASURES AND ADVANTAGES OF THE SMALL SHOP

Where the customer does count

THE small, individual shops, which offer a personal alternative to the robot-style of shopping at the multiples, are disappearing from towns and cities all over the country.

Ironmongers where you could get free advice along with a small purchase and family-run grocers which offered service along with the groceries, are being drummed off the main shopping areas by zooming rents, rates and the fact that they cannot match the multiples discounted prices.

The small shopkeeper has responded by becoming more efficient and offering a greater variety of merchandise, as well as advice and service with a smile: demonstrated by the two specialist shops featured here.

Far left: ironmonger Kenneth Gay in his 18th-century shop in Midsomer Norton. "Anyone can wander in here and ask questions," he said. Left: the Goodchilds, outside their village grocery in Pewsey. "We were both interested in food and people . . ." Pictures by SRDJA DJUKANOVIC.

KENNETH GAY is that eccentric among shopkeepers, a man as keen on service and advice as he is on making money.

His father turned the 18th-century saddlers in the centre of Midsomer Norton, Somerset, into an ironmongers in 1936. Today some of the hardware he sold still lurks in upstairs showrooms which are a repository for the "someday that might come in useful" school of thought.

There are wicks for oil lamps that are no longer made, chamois leather pompoms on sticks for cleaning the insides of the glass chimneys on oil lamps and spade display stands for long-disappeared spades once made by Elwell, an early victim of over-expansion when it went into mail order and neglected the small shopkeeper.

When Ken Gay's father paid £760 for the freehold of 13 the High Street in the balmy days before the last war, customers expected things to last and to be able to buy spares that would mend them when they went wrong.

This is a principle that his son tries against overwhelming odds to maintain today.

Apart from the upstairs rooms that all contain a strong sprinkling of the items that one may search for in vain elsewhere, Gay's is the kind of shop that sells everything their customers might come in and ask for today.

Six kinds of gardening gloves, two types of mousetraps, fruit picking baskets, chimney brushes for DIY sweeps, two ft-wide yard brushes, nails sold loose rather than the 10 on a card blister pack, quality tools at downmarket prices, army knives and crescent-shaped "coal savers" that stop the coal falling out are a very small number of the 4,000 or so individual items he sells.

It is a friendly shop where customers are known, and valued: "Anyone can wander in here and ask questions," reflects Ken. "The only reason we keep going is we give a service and tell people how to mend things.

"We sell all the special parts for paraffin stoves and put wicks in for customers. When their cisterns overflow, we sell them washers and explain how to put them in."

Resenting the space that pre-packed products take up, and the fact that the customer pays more for them, he sells as much as he can unpacked. "A piece of door furniture costs £3·50 unpacked while on a card it costs 25p more, which means the customer is paying *extra for buying it in* a blister pack."

Mr Gay's problem is getting new customers to open their mouths and ask for what they want. "Our biggest problem is they come in and look around this little bit at the front of the shop. They are so indoctrinated that they think that if it can't be seen on the shelf then you haven't got it."

Upstairs, Gay's is a revelation for the modern shopper used to objects arranged in perfect rows. There are spares for the old black Valor stoves, made when they cost £5 each. Rolls of muslin, coal hods, *tiny chamber pots for* children, and a product that can't have been seen for some years in other shops, Dirty Paws hand cleanser.

Mr Gay's biggest problem is with his suppliers. "Fifteen years ago there were 12 hardware factors in Bristol," he remembers. "Now there are two or three and it is becoming difficult to find things.

"There are still something like 40,000 individual items in the shop and it takes us three weeks to stocktake."

But, as Mr Gay notes, the trend is back to the small, specialist shop of which he is part of a greatly-reduced number.

EVERYTHING on the shelf of a supermarket must earn its way but the small shop can afford to be less exigent and stock slower-moving items that give it its special character.

Such a family-run grocer's is Marshall and Jeffery at Pewsey in Wiltshire, where range, service and value are the criteria. The Goodchilds came to live in Pewsey in 1979 after careers in record marketing and teaching, with the idea that if they failed at being village grocers there was still time for a couple in their thirties to think again.

Last week they were visiting the International Food and Drink Exhibition at Olympia, sampling new cheeses and other good foods to try out on their customers.

They like to stock new things, which they will order permanently if their customers like the taste. Often they help customers with special diets or with allergies to find products they can tolerate.

Pewsey is a large village *with 2,500 inhabitants, a* percentage of whom the Goodchilds thought might appreciate a cross between an old-fashioned grocer and a delicatessen.

"We cater for people and try to keep everything that they might want in their storecupboard," Peter Goodchild said. "Although they are not on show, we always keep basics like matches, candles and firelighters. We even sell Dolly Blue or Reckitt's blue bags, which are also an old-fashioned treatment for wasp stings.

"We were both interested in food and people and learnt as we went along. If you jump in at the deep end it is often the customers who help you.

"Every month we try to do something different. Very few shops use their windows these days but we do. One time we did a window of every one of the 60 Tiptree jams while, towards Christmas, we had a window featuring special offers on all the dried fruits which we sell loose.

"We inherited a lot of suppliers. There are 55 in all and we deal with half of them once a week or more as we are very keen on freshness. We don't sell wines that we haven't tasted ourselves and some are made locally, like the dry Müller Thürgau made from a German grape by Sterts of Devizes.

"The unpasteurised Jersey cream comes from *a farm down the road,* which also supplies a delicious "*fromage blanc.* People are now much more interested in the small print and whether the food they are buying contains additives and preservatives."

This is, at the moment, a minority preference which shops like little Marshall's, as it is known locally (big Marshalls is the baker's), can cater for, as well as selling the best ice-cream they have tasted, at a price which compares well with that in the supermarket.

New customers, unused to dealing directly with an assistant and asking for what they want, are often bemused by the packed shelves of a well-stocked grocer's. The Goodchilds have tasted or cooked with everything they sell, so can offer the informed advice lacking at the supermarkets where, often, the staff response to a query is: "Well, if you can't see it on the shelves, then we haven't got it."

Having stood patiently in the checkout queue themselves, the Goodchilds know that what they have to offer beats the price barrier of the supermarket competition. "We're the supermarket generation ourselves, so we offer the contrast of a combination of value and quality."

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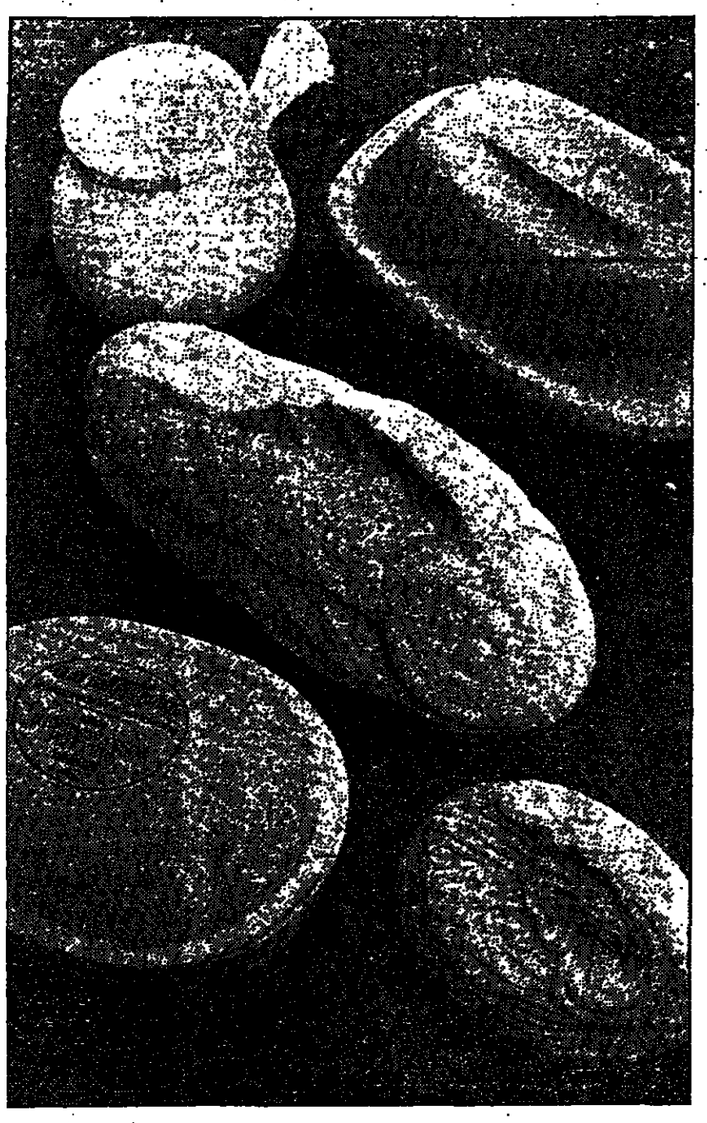
The German Romertopf casseroles will take 3 to 4lb of meat in the smaller size, ranging up through the medium size to the extra large, which takes big fish. These are sold complete with a recipe leaflet. Here is a typical recipe, for Chicken Calcutta.

Ingredients: 1 chicken; 3 tbs butter; 1 tbs ground ginger; *juice of 1 lemon;* ½ pint sour cream; 2 oranges; 1 tbs curry powder; 1 egg yolk; a little sugar; salt and pepper; *grated nutmeg.*

Method: cut the chicken into pieces. Rub with salt and pepper, sprinkle on the lemon juice and leave to stand so the lemon juice soaks in. Put small pieces of butter in the bottom of the soaked Romertopf and lay the chicken on them. Cook in a very hot oven (475F, Gas 9) for 40 minutes, then add the curry powder, ginger, nutmeg, salt, sugar, pepper and a few more drops of lemon juice. Peel and cut up the oranges and add to the casserole. *Cover and cook for a further hour, then remove* the cover for a final ten minutes. Finally, stir in the sour cream and thicken with the egg yolk.



● IN THE PICTURE: top left, French diable potato baker can be used in the oven, on the stove or a barbecue grill, £11·07 from Elizabeth David, 46 Bourne Street, London SW1 or the Elizabeth David Cookshop at Nason's, Canterbury. Top right, Romertopf unglazed clay casserole which is soaked for 15 minutes before each use, so that moisture is gradually released in the oven. From £7 to £15 depending on size from John Lewis and Selfridges. Centre: 16in long terracotta fish brick by Guernsey Potteries, who also make the small chicken brick, bottom right, £16·45 and £4·45 respectively from Naturally British, 13 New Row, London WC2. Bottom left: the original clay baking brick by Henry Watson Pottery, founded 1800, £6·35 from Richard Dare, 93 Regent's Park Road, London NW1. Picture by KENNETH MASON.

WHAT'S NEW

JEAN ROBERTS is a clever tapestry designer inspired by Florentine and Bargello embroidery. She is well known for her starter kits, one corner of which is already worked by hand so that you can see exactly how to continue the design.

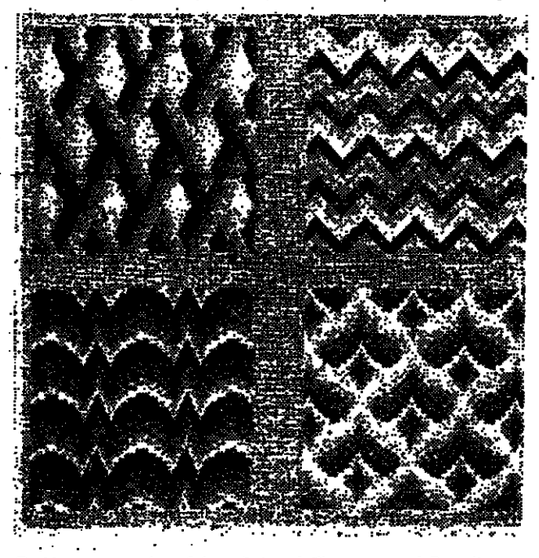
Her new service is to modify her designs for specific purposes, such as for chair covers. Her own designs can be used in a customer's colour choice or she will design specifically with a piece of furniture in mind.

Recently she supplied 36 pieces of tapestry for a set of 12 bergère chairs. Contact her at Westwood, Heathfield, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Her starter kits may be bought from Peter Jones, Sloane Square, London SW3 and selected branches of *the John Lewis Partnership.*

● On Thursday, Glorafilia is starting its annual sale of needlepoint, embroidery kits and accessories at its picturesque shop in Mill Hill Village, north west London.

Reductions will be up to 50 per cent. and will include many one-off canvasses, antique accessories and discontinued designs. The sale is on until March 23 at Glorafilia, The Old Mill House, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill Village, London NW7 4EB.

● Fabrics are the stuff of the Tamesa sale, which continues until Saturday March 16. There are fine white linen fabrics reduced from £11·80 to £5 a metre and chunky coarser linens from £16·80 to £5. Cotton print furnishing fabrics are cut from £12 to £5 and fine silks reduced from £29 to £13 and £56·40 to £18 a metre. Tamesa is at 343 King's Road, London SW3.



● Above: examples of Jean Roberts' Florentine and Bargello embroideries, which are available as starter kits. Sizes range from 6in square up to 14in square and cost from £22.

● RACING fans must be the last people to have had a commemorative plate designed for them. The plate recalls Flying Childers, who is reckoned to be the first of the legendary racehorses.

It will be available from The National Horseracing Museum at Newmarket when it reopens on Saturday for the 1985 season. The plate has been designed and made by Wilton 65, a sheltered workshop run in association with Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled.

It is taken from an engraving by James Seymour, surmounted by the Devonshire coat of arms, and the inscription reads: "Childers, the Fleetest Horse that Ever Run at Newmarket."

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The National Federation of Women's Institutes, to give it its full title, has over 352,000 members and a staggering 9,200 branches. The Markets are registered as Friendly Societies and shares cost 5p which entitles anyone, members or otherwise, to become a shareholder and help in the running of the markets.

Later in the month, on March 19, W I Books are publishing the W I Calendar *of Feasts* by Maggie Black, price £4·95. It is a paperback diary interspersed with chapters on traditional feasts and folklore.

In the Lent of the Middle Ages people fasted from meat, milk, eggs, cream and cheese, had nothing to eat on Friday night for supper, and cut out breakfast on two days a week.

Cunning cooks turned to alternative food for Lent which included beaver's tail, barnacle goose or puffins and gulls or even baby herons, which counted as fish.

The rich gorged off porpoise, the Lenten substitute for venison, imported smoked salmon and sturgeon.

Mothering Sunday was also known as Simnel Sunday and it originated from the church ordinance requiring priest and people to visit the Mother Church mid-way through Lent. Girls working away from home came back to see their *mothers with a posy of spring* flowers.

We learn about Days of Dole — doles or charitable distributions preceded the welfare state. There were food charities in Essex with bequests of money to be spent on bread for the poor at Saffron Walden and at Clavering a barrel of white herrings and a *cade* of red.

On Passion Sunday in the north of England and in Scotland, carlins (grey parched peas) are served and are thought to be a legacy from the old pagan spring bean feast. In Northumberland a bean was hidden in the dish of peas at dinner and who*ever got it was believed to* be the first to wed. Good Friday buns have kept their crosses, which were believed to give them the power to cure illness.

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A POWER PLAY

THE MOST IMMEDIATE and important consequence of the defeat suffered by the National Union of Mineworkers is that the challenge of Scargillism—the systematic use of militant industrial action, including violence, to alter Government policies—has been seen off. A society which was unable to defend itself against the demands and depredations of organised special interest groups would quickly cease to be either liberal or democratic in any accepted sense. Within such a context, the argument as to whether resisting Mr SCARGILL represented a "good investment" or not seems academic to the point of frivolity.

Now that the strike is over, it is possible to view it in less apocalyptic and rather more calculating terms. Since it came to office nearly six years ago, in the aftermath of the plague of public sector strikes which we remember slightly absurdly as the "winter of discontent," the Government has been preoccupied by the need to reduce trade union power. This has not been born of a crude political revanchism—although it would be surprising if that were entirely absent—but out of a belief that the monopoly power of unions, which had been greatly strengthened by the preceding Labour Government, particularly in the public sector, was an obstacle to the establishment of a prosperous market economy and an affront to personal freedom. The Government hoped that by a combination of step-by-step industrial relations legislation and a deliberately more "hands off" approach to running the economy, and the nationalised industries especially, the unions would be weakened.

In considerable measure these hopes have been vindicated, although the return of mass unemployment has probably done more to curb militancy than anything else and the secular decline of the Labour party has further contributed to the sagging morale of union leaders. The one element which was missing was a decisive victory against the most cohesive, aggressive and successful union in the country—the NUM. It is not true to say that the Government sought a confrontation with the miners, but since the humiliation it suffered at the hands of the NUM in 1981 it had at least prepared itself for such an eventuality. The defeat of the NUM, which those preparations helped to make possible, has brought about another fundamental shift in the power relationship between the Government and the unions. For the foreseeable future, no public sector union will be able to win its battles by force alone.

ZIMBABWE ALLIANCE

THE ENCIRCLEMENT of large parts of Bulawayo by Zimbabwean Government forces may or may not be justified by the presence of "dissidents" in that city. No doubt there are (or at any rate have been) such people making life a little difficult for Government forces somewhere in Matabeleland. Their alleged activities are, however, invariably invoked by the Zimbawean Prime Minister, Mr ROBERT MUGABE, to justify the operations of the infamous "Fifth Brigade" in Matabeleland. There is more than enough evidence to establish that many innocent Matabele wholly unconnected with the "dissidents" have been murdered by Government forces in the past year or two.

In this context the new alliance between Bishop ABEL MUZOREWA and Mr JOSHUA NKOMO may be seen as an act of some desperation. These two men, who have certainly said some very nasty things to each other in the past, have been driven together by the supremacy of their common foe, Mr MUGABE. Bishop MUZOREWA's United African National Council (UANC) has minority Shona support which will probably disappear (or else be made to disappear) during the forthcoming General Election—recently postponed, probably to June. Mr NKOMO's Zapu party seems still to have widespread support in Matabeleland, but is obviously unable to make any headway in Zimbabwe as a whole. His support in Matabeleland is hardly bolstered by acts of intimidation like the swoop on Bulawayo which served the purpose of disrupting a funeral that he and the bishop would have attended for five UANC members shot dead by Mr MUGABE's supporters. And Mr NKOMO's rather too characteristic flight from his city of Bulawayo cannot have helped him.

Mr MUGABE reigns invincible, bound to win the election with an increased majority. As events unfold, it seems that it is the Matabele rather than the remaining whites who are the main victims of Mr MUGABE's State. The British Government could not use its only weapons of withdrawing aid or its military training team to much advantage even if it wanted to. Whatever is the end of this sad affair, we will have no influence on it.

SHOULD A SPEAKER TELL?

ROUGH PUBLIC EXCHANGES continue between Viscount TONYPANDY, former Speaker of the House of Commons, and old mates in his party who consider that he betrayed confidences exchanged in private discussions when writing his memoirs. "Confidences" has become a Humpty Dumpty sort of word. It means what we want it to mean. If a civil servant betrays his trust and embarrasses Government, leading figures in the Labour party are unlikely to find too much fault with him. Some of Viscount TONYPANDY's aggrieved critics, it may be added, are in other moods great advocates for what they call more open government. For his part, the viscount defends himself by saying that by disclosing examples of where his arm was twisted behind the scenes by heavyweights in his own party, he reduces the risk of his successors suffering the same treatment. His argument would be stronger had he confined his disclosures to such examples. They are, however, embroidered here and there with remarks which hint at the paying off of old scores. Plenty of public figures have indulged in that.

There remains a strong argument, which we think prevails, for the Speaker keeping himself outside all controversy of this kind. He is the one parliamentary figure in whom Members of all parties should feel able to repose absolute trust. That is the burden of his office. Pressures, rough at times, are bound to be exerted on him; not least because, as Speaker, he is custodian of that most precious parliamentary commodity — time. Governments always wish to save it; oppositions desire to use it against Governments. On this he cannot quibble, but must rule. Tempers will be raised, harsh words spoken. The proper place for his judgments is the chair in open House. If he considers, as Viscount TONYPANDY evidently does, that he has been unfairly dealt with, that can enter into his judgment at the time. He ought not to store it up for publishers.

How democracy can win

THE Duke of Wellington is supposed to have commented that the next greatest misfortune to losing a battle was to win one. Contemplating the desolation in the wake of Arthur Scargill's strike, it is easy to see what he meant. Divisions and recrimination in the Labour movement generally, and the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers in particular, are nothing much to mourn about.

Divisions and recriminations in the mining communities are more distressing, and will take time to heal. Lasting damage has also been done to the nation's economy and competitive performance. Thanks to the politically-motivated "solidarity" of Messrs Knapp and Buckton British Rail has lost much of what was still left of its freight traffic, and will not get it back. So too with the Coal Board itself: mines are likely to be closed for good that should have had a worthwhile future; customers at home and overseas have gone elsewhere and will not come back.

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SO this is no time for crowing. It is, however, a moment for profound relief. For 20 years we have, as a nation, lived with the threat of irresistible disruption. Nationalisation created a network of monopoly suppliers of essential goods and services, and enabled unions to impose membership as the precondition for employment. So long as union leadership was in the hands of moderates, as it was throughout the 1950s, no great harm was done to wider national interests.

But as the new wave of Marxist-motivated leaders — men of the stamp of Frank Cousins, Jack Jones and Hugh Scanlon — swept to power at the end of that decade, the stage was set for trouble. The ability to command obedience from the rank-and-file on pain of enforced dismissal, coupled with the ability to withhold necessities without which the community could survive with difficulty, or not at all, offered to these new leaders the temptation to abuse industrial muscle to achieve political ambitions which the ballot-box would never satisfy. It was a temptation to which they were not slow to succumb.

By the middle 1960s Prime Minister Wilson was complaining about "politically-motivated cliques" in the National Union of Seamen applying a tourniquet to the nation's trade just when sterling was in any case in trouble. Soon thereafter his attempt to impose some legalised restraints on union bargain-power collapsed when Hugh Scanlon parked his tanks — in Lord Wilson's own phraseology — on the lawns of Downing Street.

There followed Mr Heath's series of set-piece confrontations — with the power workers in 1970, the railwaymen and the dockers in 1972, the miners in 1972 and again in 1973. Each time the Government was obliged to beat retreat; and even when, as with the power workers, and subsequently the post office men, the strike was lost, it was deemed obligatory to set up a committee of inquiry to concede victory in defeat.

Lord Wilson's second Government, and that of Mr Callaghan, bought peace for a time, at a horrendous price. But in due course Mr Callaghan was challenged by health service and local government union leaders, and in his turn was dismissed from office. Nor was Mrs Thatcher, for some time, any more successful.

Those renowned "moderates" Mr Terry Duffy of the Engineers and Mr Bill Sirs of the steelmen, launched prolonged strikes which cut swathes through the ranks of their members and the industries

JOCK BRUCE-GARDYNE on the collapse of the NUM strike

in which they worked, but eventually extracted pretty much the terms they had demanded; and thereafter the Prime Minister, faced with a threat of a national coal strike, felt obliged to order the abandonment of plans to phase out the hopelessly uneconomic pits and the cancellation of import contracts.

In the eyes of some of us successive governments had largely asked for what they got. Attempts to take the union captains into partnership, far from taming them, had quite predictably enlarged their appetites. As inflation had accelerated, in part at least as a direct consequence of the attempts to buy the captains off, their ability to impose restraint upon their members, even were they minded to try, diminished and disappeared. The abandonment of wage and prices policy, supposedly the bedrock of Government in the modern Britain, became the precondition for a return to sanity.

Yet while we rejoiced to see the Thatcher Government drawing the right lessons from past experience, we also feared. I suppose above all we feared the NUM. Assuredly Mr Heath was riding for a fall with his legal strait-jacket for union negotiation; assuredly it had been bizarre to confront the miners just when their bargaining position had been transformed by the first "oil shock." But neither of these factors, on its own, had guaranteed his discomfiture.

What had guaranteed his discomfiture had been the proven ability of Mr Arthur Scargill to organise a raiding army which the police had proved powerless to resist. Could that not happen yet again?

Now we know the answer. Part of the credit for that answer, obviously — little though he would welcome it — redounds to Mr Scargill himself. Having failed to secure the necessary support of his membership on three occasions for strike action, he determined not to be "constitutionalised" (in his comrade Mr McGahey's phraseology) out of confrontation on a fourth occasion — and to ignore the fact that, with winter passed, his timing was absurd.

Moreover unlike the Left-wing union leaders of the 1960s, he made no attempt to cloak the strictly political nature of his purpose. So he went into battle in the spring of 1984 with little more than half an army, and much of it consisting of reluctant conscripts.

Yet Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues played a crucial part. Their insistence on the responsibility of managers, in the public as in the private sector, to manage and not to look to government to hold their hands and back their balance sheets had changed the whole environment (and those who clamoured, when this strike began, for government to manage it directly, should now pause to ask themselves whether that could have produced a swifter or more satisfactory solution: experience is against them).

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MORE directly Mr Nigel Lawson, in his 18 months at the Department of Energy, had extracted backing from the Treasury for an unprecedented build-up of coal stocks at the power stations, so that they could run for many months without a single tonne of coal arriving. At the same time the police had been left in, no doubt that, after years of uncertain signals from Whitehall, they would have full backing in securing the ability of those who wished to go to work to do so (and indeed that a repetition of the swift surrenders at Saltley and more recently at the Hadfields works in Sheffield would be very ill received).

So by all means let us now set to work to "bind up the nation's wounds." The militant minorities have been shown that they cannot rely on brute force and intimidation to achieve their purposes. The union movement is given a chance to turn over a new leaf: to make a virtue of the responsiveness to the interests of its membership which Government has asked of it.

Union leaders who demonstrably reflect the wishes of their subscribers and not just the wishes of their apparatchiks will earn the ear of Ministers in a way that the political manipulators did not.

But first it is not out of place to recognise a remarkable achievement: an achievement which must go far to retrieve the errors and the follies of the past 20 years. Britain is governable by men and women answerable to a democratically-elected Parliament. For this relief, much thanks.

The rise and rise of Prof. Halliday

CONSIDERABLE concern has been expressed at the London School of Economics at London University's decision to elevate a temporary lecturer best known for his Trotskyist leanings to a professorship of international relations.

Colleagues described the appointment of Fred Halliday, noted for his support for the revolution which overthrew the Shah of Iran, as "remarkable" and "a considerable surprise."

Halliday has been on a short-term contract at the LSE since last year and has not yet completed his doctorate. His appointment comes over the heads of older and more experienced candidates, including two more senior members of the department.

While the appointment procedures were carried out correctly by the university, there have been murmurings about a lack of consultation with the LSE. Another professor told me: "This is not a usual appointment. I suppose it is very difficult to judge academic standards in the field of international relations."

Up the Khyber

EXACTLY A YEAR after breaking his leg on the Norwegian-Russian border, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, the Chief of the Defence Staff, has been in the front line again, this time visiting the Soviet-occupied border between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

My sources on the 6th floor of the MoD building in Whitehall, whose memories of the Field Marshal propelling himself on crutches along the narrow corridors of power remain vivid, report that he has, happily, returned this time with all limbs intact.

Bramall's visit, at the invitation of the Pakistan armed forces, took him up the Khyber Pass to the border post of Michni. He also toured Afghan refugee camps and a Red Cross hospital for injured Mujahideen.

During the trip the Field Marshal was given lunch by the Khyber Rifles, who then made an unexpected presentation of a regimental plaque to his ADC, Captain Paul Hearn. By remarkable coincidence Hearn's father Lt. Col. Pat Hearn, was commanding officer of the Khyber Rifles in 1949.

Seeing red

ERIC HEFFER further underlined his pugnacious and unstatesmanlike reputation with his Labour Parliamentary colleagues yesterday by getting into an undignified altercation with a television crew filming at Westminster.

The crew were recording the start of a cycle race of Labour MPs, trying out a new electric bicycle, developed under the sponsorship of the Greater London Enterprise Board. Heffer's progress into the Commons car park in his Rover 3·5 litre vehicle was impeded and he became impatient at the delay.

The MP's ire was further raised when the television men filmed his remonstrations with Labour colleagues John Prescott, Austin Mitchell and Alf Dubs and in the commotion a camera was knocked away. Afterwards, I was diplomatically told that Heffer "fully supported" the bicycle project—all the same he was apparently threatening the cameramen with a breach of Parliamentary privilege if the film were broadcast.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

"Many happy returns!"

Hard words

BOB GELDOF, the fund-raising rock star, is on a visit to his home town of Dublin where he has been raising hackles by pointing out some of the unhappy changes well noted by regular visitors to the Irish capital.

Many fine Georgian buildings have vanished in recent years and Geldof, never one to bite the bullet, has said publicly that the city has become "brutalised" by destruction encouraged by backhanders and political corruption.

He stood up at a civic reception and told guests: "It used to be one of the prettiest places in Europe and now it is a shambolic mess."

The last people on earth Welsh miners returning to work today wish to see at their pits are the men dubbed "Dai the Cap" and "Dai the Chicken." After a mine has been declared exhausted the first caps the shaft by sealing it with concrete and the second spreads chicken manure over the top before it is seeded with grass and turned back into countryside. The two Dais, cunning fellows, discerned a growth industry long ago.

They also served

THE TIRELESS efforts of wartime parachute packers, aircraft engineers and operations room staff are to be commemorated in stained glass at the St George's Chapel of Remembrance at RAF Biggin Hill.

Wing Commander John Lambert tells me that the chapel committee is only too aware that the men and women on the ground who put the pilots into the air have not always received their due recognition. The four new windows, to be made by Goddard and Gibbs of London, will cost at least £8,000 — a sum which will go out to appeal.

The Russian Callas

ON A RARE VISIT to London the exiled soprano Galina Vishnevevskaya, known to opera lovers as "the Russian Callas", expressed to me no regrets whatsoever at leaving her homeland during the launch party of her autobiography, "Galina", at the Royal Opera House yesterday.

Vishnevevskaya's life itself has been a triumph over adversity. She was abandoned as a baby by her parents, survived the three-year siege of Leningrad, escaped the unwanted attentions of Soviet premier Nikolai Bulganin and was forced to endure KGB harassment for sheltering Solzhenitsyn. Now she is happily settled in the West with her husband, cellist Mtislav Rostropovich.

At the party Vishnevevskaya explained how difficult it could be for exiles to adapt to the shock of freedom. Referring pointedly to Stalin's daughter Svetlana, who has recently returned to the Soviet Union, she said being no longer the centre of attention could, for some, be a heavy blow.

Cavalcade summer

FAR FROM cutting back on the size of its productions, the Chichester Festival Theatre appears to be expanding its staging capacity with large-scale plays, including one calling for 200 extras, this summer.

The extras, taking part in a production of Noel Coward's ambitious "Cavalcade," rarely performed since its premiere 54 years ago, have already been recruited from local amateurs.

The locals, who will be filling out the crowd scenes, have already undergone what the theatre reckons is a fair test of their commitment—most had to struggle through thick snow to attend the auditions, held on the bleakest Sunday of the winter. When the play opens in May the worst they will have to face will be Portacabin dressing rooms.

Passing out

STAFF at the University of Surrey have sent me some literature they received from the Guildford corps of the St John Ambulance. In it the brigade lists among its duties attendance at: "wrestling matches, pop concerts, school sports . . . and degree ceremonies."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

From Sir FREDERIC BENNETT, MP (Con.) and others

SIR—We all recall or should recall the unfortunately all-too-successful campaign in the late seventies by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and their ilk, stooges and naive dupes of the Kremlin alike, which resulted in the cancellation of the deployment in Europe of the "neutron bomb."

This was not of course a bomb at all but a precision anti-tank projectile.

It was designed to counter the continuing massive superiority of Soviet armour — three to one — along the European Central Front; involving in the event of its use minimal casualties to the civilian population around the battle area.

There is sickening familiarity between that propaganda exercise, rightly claimed by the Soviet leaders to be their best orchestrated subversive operation since World War II; the anti-cruise and Pershing crusade, including the threat of a pre-emptive strike and the new, mounting campaign deriding "star wars". (Strategic Defence Initiative) deriving from the same "peacenik" sources.

This purely defensive concept, SDI, is designed to replace the present uneasy balance of terror deterrent "mutual assured destruction" (MAD) by providing in its place a non-nuclear anti-nuclear ballistic missile defence system calculated to secure "mutual assured survival" (MAS).

However different in their wording, the purpose of Soviet-sponsored and sustained slogans is always abundantly clear. It is to prevent the development of any defensive weaponry system in the West capable of resisting Soviet aggression; hence the earlier CND/Left outcry against the neutron "bomb" (an enhanced radiation artillery warhead (ERW)) as being a wicked capitalist weapon, specifically designed to preserve buildings but destroy people!

Now we are told that President Reagan wants to extend the potentialities of nuclear confrontation even into the ionosphere, and thus add a new and dangerous element into nuclear warfare. Per contra, the whole objective of SDI is to pursue the removal of even the threat of a future military nuclear holocaust.

No one of course should seek to undermine negotiations to try at least to reach agreement to limit and even to reduce existing nuclear weaponry on both sides of the Iron Curtain. Yet to pretend that any long-term solution lies in following that line runs counter to the whole course of history.

Bows and arrows were not abolished because of any negotiated agreement between nation states; but because firstly personal armour plate greatly reduced their effectiveness and subsequently took their place.

Similarly, in due course, rifles and machine-guns became obsolescent as major weapons of war: not because of any international agreement to that effect but because of the development of the tank and the armoured car.

In the thirties a solemn agreement was reached between the United States, Britain and Japan to curtail the number of capital warships; but it was not because of the existence of that agreement that battleships have disappeared from the oceans of the world, but more simply because Pearl Harbour and subsequent naval conflicts revealed that these huge vessels could all too easily be destroyed by air power and submarines.

One does not need to be a cynic to feel sure that the Russian leaders are only talking at Geneva in the hope of blocking the development of the American SDI: for which they might be prepared in return to stabilise if not reduce the number of their inter-continental ballistic missiles and SS20s.

Yet on the day that it becomes clear that President Reagan is not going to forsake his SDI research programme, it is a virtual certainty that the Russians, who incidentally have for years been developing their own anti-missile defence systems, will break off negotiations in regard to the other two offensive nuclear systems where they currently have superiority.

FREDERIC BENNETT; REAY;
JAMES HILL,
House of Commons.

When pornography goes to extremes

SIR—The trial of the Fox once again established the connection between violent sexual crimes and sadistic pornography.

I am of the opinion that many of our MPs are quite unfamiliar with the extremes of pornography today. I'm sure some of them put it in the same class as a bit of saucy striptease or a jolly bedroom romp. The fact is that there are films and books on sale today that are as extreme as the mind can imagine. Bestiality, sadism, child abuse, etc.

There are also thousands of young boys of the most impressionable ages watching video nasties. The producers of these films vie with each other to produce the most horrifying and sadistic scenes, such as bodies being hacked to pieces.

I would suggest this is a far more important problem than the Government realises, and if it is not more positive in combating it, the ever increasing tide of violent crime will reach overwhelming proportions within a decade.

I am not a kill-joy. I owned and ran night clubs in London for 25 years, and there is not much that I haven't seen. But pornography is a drug, a very dangerous drug to a minority and because of our muddled laws the police are quite unable to control it.

How many more violent rapes and murders will there have to be before the Government wakes up to the general public concern?

TOM LANSLEY
New Malden, Surrey.

Guide to aristocracy

SIR—Some people appear to have received the impression from reports of my remarks on Aids' victims that "Burke's Peerage" would exclude them from its forthcoming edition; this is not so.

"Burke's Peerage" will remain the most comprehensive guide to the aristocracy. What I was saying was that, while there is a risk of the disease being passed on to children, we shall not recommend sufferers of it as marriage partners.

After all, the problem of defects and diseases, passed on from generation to generation, spreading more widely in doing so, is probably the greatest facing medical science today.

I, of course, like anyone with a spark of human feeling, feel only sympathy and pity for sufferers of any incurable disease, however it is acquired. We hope and pray there will be a cure found for all these diseases in the near future.

H. B. BROOKS-BAKER
Publishing Director,
"Burke's Peerage,"
London, W.1.

Comrades in soap

SIR—So Mr Anthony Lejeune would like a diet of "wall to wall Dallas" on the grounds that since we all need more soap opera on tap, it had better be the competent, polished Hollywood variety than our homespun suburbanite productions.

Why must the bombardment always be of such loads of American sub-culture and its mores? I realise the sheer voracity of viewers can only be cheaply met by this form of the "special relationship," but it would be nice to have a blast of fresh air now and again.

How about a Kremlin version of "Yes Minister" or a Russian "Coronation Prospekt"? We all have to try and see one another as humans instead of cyphers and exist together on one globe, and I suspect there may be wider latent interest in how Ivan gets on at home than some would like to admit.

N. BARTLETT
Baslow, Derbys.

March of progress

SIR—Why all this surprise that home computers are losing their appeal?

The majority of grandfathers never did understand why their sons and grandsons wasted good money buying them, but no one would listen.

It will be just the same with the next nine-day wonder.

SIDNEY BALL
Cheldon, Surrey.

Slim chance

SIR—Would it be correct to describe dieting as "girth control"?

BERNARD A. COHEN
Sunderland.

Unacceptable advertising in medicine

SIR—There seems to be a great deal of confusion and conflicting opinion about the question of advertising in medicine and this is not helped by the failure of the General Medical Council to give clear guidelines or apparently to take action in those cases which would appear to be contravening what were always thought to be the rules.

In the past it was always understood that any publicity on the television, wireless or in the lay Press which could bring financial benefit to the individual was not acceptable. For this reason anyone partaking in television programmes or writing articles in the lay Press was not identified by name.

University medical staff who did not carry out private practice, as they now do, could be identified by name and frequently were. Now there are no such constraints and it is possible to see private medical practitioners, with everything to gain from such publicity, operating and partaking in programmes on television clearly identified by name.

We also have advertising in the lay Press by cosmetic clinics carrying out plastic surgery and hair transplants.

As the result of the growth of private medicine a number of private hospitals have opened recently, and I am thinking particularly of those in smaller provincial towns where they are used almost exclusively by the part time consultant staff of the local National Health Service hospitals.

Frequently part of the finance for the building of the hospital has been raised by these same consultants who are, therefore, shareholders. If these entirely ethical hospitals advertise in order to acquaint the local population of their existence, this puts the consultant medical staff in a very difficult position with regard to the General Medical Council.

We have the anomaly, therefore, of blatant advertising accepted and the entirely ethical situation being penalised by the failure of the General Medical Council to make a clear ruling. It is surely the duty of the General Medical Council to protect the public from the unethical and to clarify the position for those who wish to work within the rules.

R. D. DE VERE
FRCS, FRCOG,
Harley Street.

Deprived dyslexics

SIR—Mrs M. E. Turnbull's recent letter suggesting that Government-assisted programmes exist for dyslexics could have raised false hopes for the parents of the five to ten per cent. of school-age children who have this particular learning difficulty (there are about 7,000 of these children in Northamptonshire alone).

Alas, the only help provided by the State is tax concessions to such charities as the British Dyslexia Association and the limited provisions made by local education authorities, most of which do not even recognise dyslexia specifically and therefore treat such children under the general category of "special educational needs." The children usually get either insufficient or inappropriate tuition.

Most provision for dyslexic children is in the private sector though a higher proportion of dyslexics are in the poorer section of society. As this problem has been recognised for 15 years, it is high time that Government assistance be provided for dyslexic children, so that they can develop their full educational potential and not be left to lag behind their peers, being possibly categorised as "stupid" which they are not. Such an ignorant attitude can lead to anti-social behaviour on their part because of their frustration over learning difficulties.

P. A. B. WRIGHT
Raunds, Northants.

Celcius exposed

SIR—Mr G. M. Boyd's explanation (Feb. 28) of the temperature scale called "Celcius" unfortunately does not mention that it is recorded that it was Linnaeus who, before 1737, invented the centigrade thermometer scale and that Anders Celcius, in 1742, proposed that the boiling point of water should be 0 degrees and freezing point 100 degrees.

Celcius's scale was, however, inverted by Martin Strömer in 1750 to form the present scale, correctly called Centigrade, in which freezing water is 0 deg C and boiling point 100 deg C.

R. I. MARTIN
Rugby

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Row at Oxfam as MoD colonel gets No. 2 job

By GERALD BARTLETT

ADMINISTRATIVE staff employed by Oxfam, Britain's largest overseas charity, are planning a series of protest actions over the appointment of a soldier as deputy director.

They feel that the arrival of Lt-Col David Jones, 48, flies in the face of the charity's Quaker and pacifist tradition.

He is currently in charge of operational requirements at the Ministry of Defence.

His appointment to the post — which carries a salary range from £16,000 to £19,000—comes hot on the heels of the controversial appointment last year of Mr Frank Judd, a former Navy Minister under Labour, who takes over as Director of Oxfam in July.

Lt-Col Jones's appointment is said to have caused considerable anger among the 250 staff at the charity's Oxford headquarters and at many of its 680 shops.

A spokesman for the HQ Staff Association said last night: "This is an appalling decision. The deputy director should have a background consistent with the aims and objectives of Oxfam."

Strategic planning

Oxfam spokesmen played down the protests, but agreed: "There is a diversity of views and political persuasions within this charity, and the appointment of a serving soldier is something which would raise questions among some staff."

Mr P. Coulter, a member of the selection panel who also works as the charity's Press officer, said: "Lt-Col Jones is a man of very considerable talents. We were looking ideally, for somebody with good management and strategic planning experince, and he has it.

"He also has very useful overseas experience, including relief and aid work."

From 1981 to 1983 Col Jones was seconded to Ghana in command of the Commonwealth Military Advisory Team, advising on food distribution, health measures and arranging for the Ghanaian army to work on agricultural projects

For many months he worked with his wife preparing 200 mals a day for patients at the Accra mental hospital.

HUNTING 'HELPS DEER THRIVE'

THE herd of wild red deer on Exmoor is the finest in Britain because of the activities of the Devon and Somerset staghounds, its joint master claimed yesterday.

Mr MORRIS SCOTT told a High court hearing in Bristol that the hunt set out deliberately to track down weak, injured or deformed animals and the old stags were killed to prevent inbreeding.

He was giving evidence during the fifth day of the hearing in which the LEAGUE AGAINST CRUEL SPORTS seeks a permanent injunction banning huntsmen, their dogs and followers from the League's wildlife sanctuaries on the moors.

Almost wiped out

It hopes the test case will establish that hounds can be regarded in law as trespassers.

The hunt claims that the injunction would make it impossible for it to operate on land adjacent to the reserves because of the danger of unintentional trespass.

Mr Scott, 41, a hill farmer who has been riding to hounds since he was five, said: "Deer have been hunted on Exmoor since 1855 without a break. Before that there was no hunting for about 50 years and in that time the deer were almost wiped out.

"I think that was because there was no hunting. People took the law into their own hands and killed any deer on their land."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Bus Bill under fire after Tory revolt

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

A TORY revolt last night resulted in the Conservative-dominated Commons Select Committee on Transport presenting M Ps with a 170-page report critical of the controversial Bus Bill.

But Mr Matthew Parris (C, Derbyshire West) issued a minority report saying there "had been frequent dissent" in the committee and the recommendations had been passed only on the casting vote of the chairman, Mr Harry Cowans (Lab., Tyne Bridge).

The committee had divided on 44 issues, but on several occasions Mr Parris was the only dissenting voice and on several others he had only one ally.

The main proposal of the Bill by Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, is to allow almost unfettered competition on local bus routes outside London to cut both fares and subsidies.

Many shire county Conservatives fear the plan will denude the countryside of buses because profits from town routes will no longer be available to subsidise loss-making rural services.

Safety standards

The committee said it found Mr Ridley "unconvincing" on the magnitude of likely cost-cutting. "On our assessment of the likely effects of the proposals the Government's figures just do not add up," it said.

It feared services would become unreliable, safety standards would decline and town centres would be more congested at peak times as a bus war developed. Subsidies would be too small to retain reasonable rural services.

The committee thought it "very anomalous" that London was exempt from the Bill.

BANDITS ROB 30 BRITISH PENSIONERS

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

A HOLIDAY in Sicily turned into a nightmare at the weekend for 30 British pensioners when they were brutally robbed by six armed bandits.

Yesterday Signor Rino Nicolosi, head of the Sicilian Regional Assembly, dashed to the pensioners' hotel to give the party a cheque for around £4,500 plus cartons of Sicilian wine.

"I'm shocked," he said. "Even in this crime-ridden area there never has been such a disgusting crime."

One of the pensioners, Mr Owen Federick Brown, 72, of Halifax, is in hospital recovering from a bullet wound in his arm. "He's doing well, but will have to stay here for 15 days," said a Palermo doctor.

The pensioners' bus was hijacked by the gunmen as it was being driven back to their hotel. At pistol-point they were robbed of all possessions and Mr Brown was shot when he objected.

Other pensioners were hurt when they were pistol-whipped.

The party is continuing its stay in Palermo but during their excursions they will be constantly escorted by armed police.

LOW CRIME RATE IN FALKLANDS

By Our Political Staff

Crime in the Falklands has remained low despite the presence of more than 2,000 "unaccompanied" construction workers building the new airfield, Mr Timothy Renton, Foreign Office Under-Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Renton said in a written Commons answer to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, that in the past year there had been 14 convictions for violence and four for drugs offences. There had been no prosecutions for illegal immigration.

CUT-PRICE STAMPS

By Our Philatelic Correspondent

Booklets of 10 first class 17p stamps go on sale in post offices from today at £1·55, a discount of 15p. The booklets will be available until April 8 and are restricted to two per purchaser.

AVALANCHE TOLL RISES TO 11

By Our Geneva Correspondent

Officials in the tourist village of Zermatt below the Matterhorn yesterday called an emergency meeting to discuss improving security against avalanches, as rescue workers discovered the last victims of Switzerland's most lethal avalanche in 15 years.

The bodies of two young West Germans and a Swiss were found bringing to 11 the death toll from the latest slide on Saturday, and to 26 the number of avalanche vticims this season.

ARSON SHUTS COURT

Arsonists broke into Wood Green Crown Court over the weekend and set fire to a number of seats and carpets. The building was closed yesterday for repairs, but two of the six courts are expected to open today.

REMAGEN VETERANS RETURN

By MICHAEL FARR in Remagen

VETERANS of the dramatic capture 40 years ago of the bridge at Remagen will gather in the small Rhine town on Thursday to commemorate a notable Allied breakthrough in the 1939-45 War.

On March 7, 1945, an advance element of the American 9th Armoured Division reached and secured the last intact Rhine bridge after two attempts by defending German troops to demolish it.

The capture of the bridge and the heavy fighting which followed were described at the time by the BBC as Nazi Germany's "biggest headache since D-Day."

The unexpected success delighted Allied Headquarters and Gen. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander, said the black basalt and steel bridge was "worth its weight in gold."

Hitler's rage

Hitler was so enraged at the bridge falling into Allied hands that he ordered the five German officers responsible to be tried for cowardice and dereliction of duty.

Four were executed less than a week later in the nearby Westerwald Forest. The fifth had the good fortune to be an American prisoner of war.

As American troops streamed across the bridge with its two railway lines and walkway, the German High Command made desperate attempts to destroy it by artillery and aerial bombardment.

VI rockets were fired for the first time at a target in Germany and frogmen sent to fix charges, but none succeeded.

Finally, on March 17, the battered bridge collapsed because of overloading, killing 28 American soldiers.

Haunting memorial

For this week's anniversary about 500 people are expected to attend a special ceremony in front of two of the four towers of the bridge, which still stands as a haunting memorial.

A commemorative plaque, which recalls that the capture of the bridge "was a major factor in preventing the loss of many lives and hastened the end of the World War II hostilities in Europe," will be unveiled by one of the 150 American veterans present, Lt William McMaster.

Sgt. Alex Drabik, the first American to cross the bridge and reach the East Bank of the Rhine will lay a wreath.

The commemoration has been carefully planned by Herr Hanze-Peter Kürten, the Christian Democratic Mayor of Remagen for the past 20 years.

Noting that VE-Day on May 8 was "a difficult anniversary for Germans," Herr Kürten sees March 7 as "the end of much terror for the people of this German town."

WIDOW FROZE AFTER MIX-UP OVER HEATING

A 62-year-old widow, Mrs Edith Donegan, froze to death in her home after a council mix-up over her heating, an inquest in Liverpool was told yesterday.

Council workmen disconnected her gas fire while they repaired the council house she had recently moved into. But the council did not supply a temporary replacement and Mrs Donegan collapsed and died of hypothermia when temperatures plunged.

Mr Roy Barter, Merseyside coroner said the house "was not completely fit for habitation." He recorded a verdict of accidental death.

SANGSTER CITED IN DIVORCE

Mr Robert Sangster, 48, the racehorse breeder, was yesterday cited in the divorce of Mr Peter Lilley, an Isle of Man company director, and his wife, Susan, in the Manx divorce court at Douglas.

Mr Lilley, 36, of Ballasalla, Isle of Man, was granted a decree nisi in an undefended action on the grounds of daultery by his wife wtih Mr Sanger, named as co-respondent. The Lilleys married in 1976 and have one daughter aged four.

WHISKY WATERED BY PUBLICAN

Kenneth Hobden was fined £900 by Highbury magistrates yesterday after he admitted having watered whisky and forged optic stamps in his pub, the Britannia in Ironmonger Row, Finsbury. He was ordered to pay £72 costs.

PUB MURDER CHARGE

A seaman was charged yesterday with the murder of Mr Tommy Tee, 62, a Portsmouth publican, found dead by firemen in his dockland pub, The Vernon, on Sunday morning. Ernst Thomsen, 21, of Osterfield, West Germany, was remanded in custody for seven days by Portsmouth magistrates.

DAMP-PROOF COURSE

A rain alert buzzer is being offered to blind people in Derbyshire by the county council to prevent their washing being soaked by showers. A sensitive metal plate in the garden wired to a small box indoors starts buzzing at the first hint of drizzle.

Peter Sellers's widow Lynne Frederick on her way yesterday to the High Court where she gave evidence in her action over the film "Trail of the Pink Panther."

Film tribute to Sellers an insult, says widow

PETER SELLERS, the actor, would have "hated" the Pink Panther film meant to be a tribute to his memory, his widow, the actress LYNNE FREDERICK, told the High Court in London yesterday.

She claimed that "Trail of the Pink Panther" made from clips and discarded pieces of old film was "an insult" to her late husband.

Giving evidence on the sixth day of his estate's claim for damages over the film, she said she was "shocked" when she first saw material to be used in it. The director BLAKE EDWARDS, his company LAKELINE PRODUCTIONS and UNITED ARTISTES deny breach of contract.

Miss Frederick, 30, told the court that Mr Edwards, who directed the five Pink Panther films in which Mr Sellers played the bungling French detective Insp. Clouseau, had tried to get the actor's consent to use discarded footage for another film while he was alive.

Hated scene

"He said it was a way of making a lot of money without doing a great deal of work", said Miss Frederick. "But Peter felt it would be like being a bit of a cheat."

She said that both Mr Sellers and Mr Edwards had agreed that a nightclub scene used in the film which was cut from the "Revenge of the Pink Panther" was "extremely bad" and they both "hated it."

She said she told Mr Edwards: "I could never let pieces of film of that quality go into a film meant to be a tribute to Peter. He would have hated it."

Mr ANDREW BATTSON, Q C, for the film makers, suggested that, far from not seeking to make money from the film Miss Frederick had asked for $500,000 (£472,000) or 10 per cent. of the film's gross proceeds. She replied: "I never asked any figure from anyone."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

ADDICT IN KILLING

By Our Madrid Correspondent

Jose Garcia, 32, a heroin addict, was in jail near Madrid yesterday after stabbing his mother to death and badly injuring his father when they refused to give him cash to buy drugs. Up to 90 per cent. of street crime in Spain is currently blamed on drugs.

FALSE ALARM

Sirens gave a four-minute warning of a nuclear attack on north-east Lancashire last Thursday because of an equipment fault, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday in a Commons written answer.

SIXTH SWISS ATTACK

By Our Geneva Correspondent

A mysterious, apparently anarchist group calling itself the Autonomous Cells claimed responsibility for setting fire to five Swiss Army trucks in Geneva yesterday in its sixth arson or bomb attack in Switzerland since February 8.

HOUSEBOY TIED UP

An Ivory Coast court has sentenced a French expatriate, Serge Passerat, to three years in jail and fined him the equivalent of £14,000 for tying his houseboy to a coconut palm for 12 hours. Passerat and his wife, who was sentenced to a year in jail and fined £6,000, suspected the houseboy of robbing them. —Reuter.

MINISTRY FIRE

Thirty firemen tackled a fire in a basement at the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall yesterday which was started accidentally

BILL TO OUTLAW 'FALSE' PRICES

Legislation is to be introduced baning "false and misleading" price information, Lord Lucas, junior trade and industry minister, said in the Lords yesterday.

The Bill is aimed at covering not only all types of bargain offer claims but will also extend to the display of commission charges and exchange rates by money changing bureaux. The legislation will tidy existing laws and will be backed by a code of practice.

14 pc NET GAIN

British ships landed fish in Scotland worth £194 million last year, up by 14 per cent. on 1983, according to a survey by the Scottish Office. Haddock and Whiting made the biggest contribution to the increase.

£¾m LEFT FOR STUDY OF FUNGI

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

A £750,000 fortune has been left to Oxford University to be spent on fungus research by a spinster whose family had a 160-year long connection with the university.

Miss Emma Dunston, who died aged 96 last year, was the last member of a family that saw her grandfather, father and three brothers, become distinguished graduates of Oxford.

Between them over the years they collected more than 30,000 books dating from the 15th to 20th centuries, including several copies of Walter Scott first editions.

In the 1960s the libraries of Oxford colleges were asked to take their choice, and ironically Mr Clive Hurst, assistant librarian at the Bodleian, said: "We did have them all fumigated because we felt they might have either fungus or mould damage."

Prof Frederick Whatley, 61, head of the university's plant sciences department, said the bequest would pay for two more staff to join a new research project into the effects of fungi on food decay.

He said: "This is a potentially-important development which could change the way food is produced and stored in the future."

The connection with fungus research and mycology stems from Miss Dunston's brothers Thomas and Ambrose, of Brasenose and Exeter colleges, who were keen amateur naturalists.

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YOGHURT BLASTS SHOWER PUPILS

Children and teachers at St Augustine's primary school, in Taunton, called in scientists to investigate exploding cartons of strawberry yogurt which showered them with fruit, members of Somerset public protection committee were told yesterday.

Mr Wilfred Cassidy, county analyst said the trouble was caused by natural yeast fomenting on the strawberries and causing carbon dioxide gas. "The cartons bulged as the pressure built up and this made them explode."

FERRY LINE SOLD

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Unilever yesterday completed the sale of Norfolk Line, which provides ferry services from Great Yarmouth to Holland, to Maersk Line, a fast-growing British shipping business with 18 ships, including tankers and vessels serving offshore oilfields.

ARMS EXPLOSION

One worker was killed and two seriously injured in an accidental explosion at an ammunition factory in Kabul, the Afghanistan capital's radio station.

Trade team leader denies snub by Chinese hosts

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

LORD YOUNG, Minister without Portfolio, shrugged off as "total nonsense" last night suggestions that his trade mission to China had been slighted by the Chinese.

The delegation of leading industrialists failed to be granted an audience with Teng Hsiao-ping, China's leader.

But 100 visiting Japanese businessmen were taken to the Great Hall of the People in three buses for a lengthy session with the ruler.

Teng's talks with the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce were given exceptional coverage by the New China News Agency, which also summed up the end of the British miners' strike as the conclusion of "an heroic struggle in the full face of the government machine."

The Britons had hoped to meet Teng. Such a meeting would have helped the mission considerably, as everybody who counts in Peking, especially Chinese planning to do business with the outside world, carefully notes the level of a visitor's reception.

'Mark of favour'

However, as Lord Young was at pains to point out, his team was given a "remarkable mark of favour." They saw Vice-Premier Li Peng, who immediately buttonholed Lord King and offered a joint deal with his firm, Babcock International.

In all so far they have seen eight ministers and late yesterday afternoon the party was ushered into the Pavilion of Purple Light for a 50-minute session with Premier Zhao Ziyang, Teng's protege and possible future leader.

Zhao said he hoped for "a big increase" in Sino-British trade in the wake of the "satisfactory" Hongkong settlement.

He noted that China needed technology while Britain wanted a market for its products. "We should make substantial efforts to expand our economic and technological co-operation on the basis of mutual benefit," he added.

Meanwhile Aveling Barford of Grantham signed a £60 million deal to assemble dump trucks in China, while Rolls-Royce completed a protocol for supplying equipment worth £16 million to the Nanjing oilfield.

Cable and Wireless are to undertake feasibility studies aimed at accelerating the development of telecommunications in China. Lord Young said: "This contract if it comes off, could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars."

NEW SCHOOL FOR RACISM ROW PUPILS

REBEL parents led 200 children to a makeshift school yesterday in their latest attack on a headmaster who claimed multicultural education was holding back white children.

The action group in Bradford, Yorkshire, recruited 20 qualified teachers to take lessons and staff to prepare free dinners. They vowed to keep the children in the temporary classes until Mr Ray Honeyford, 51, had been dismissed from Drummond Middle Schol.

Bradford, which is promoting multi-cultural education, reprimanded Mr Honeyford for his claim in an article published in the Right-wing SALISBURY REVIEW.

'Last resort'

The children were taken to the Pakistan Community Centre in White Abbey Road, Bradford.

Jenny Woodward, the campaign leader, said: "The authority has neglected its duty and this was the last resort to make them take note of parents' views.

"We are determined the headmaster should be sacked and will keep our children here until a satisfactory outcome."

Mr Richard Knight, director of education in Bradford, said: "A meeting has been organised to give us the full implications of what has happened. We will then decide how to tackle this action."

MORE SCOTS STAY IN SCOTLAND

By Our Political Staff

Net emigration from Scotland was lower last year than at any time since 1978, Mr John Mackay, Scottish Under-Secretary, said yesterday in a Commons written answer. Ten thousand more people left Scotland than moved there last year against 18,000 the year before, 15,000 in 1981-82 and 25,000 in 1980-81.

The number of people moving to Scotland has remained steady at 55,000 to 59,000 but the number leaving peaked at 82,000 in 1980-81 as the movement south to find jobs reached its height, then fell to 69,000 last year.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

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Bid stocks in demand

ACCOUNT: February 25-March 8.
PAY DAY: March 18.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 24,592.
RISES: 427. **FALLS:** 244.
UNCHANGED: 1,069.
EQUITY TURNOVER (March 1): Number of bargains 19,695; value £372·22 million. Shares traded: 175 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, March 4, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	1984-85 Low
Indust. Ord.	979·9	+ 4·9	1024·5	755
Govt. Secs.	80·19	+ 0·02	83·77	75
Gold Mines	477·8	− 1·3	711·7	435
Fixed Int.	85·56	− 0·13	87·48	5.
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·45	− 0·02	5·39	4·
Earn Yld p.c.	11·30	− 0·05	12·39	9·
FT-SE 100:	1265·7	+ 14·9	1305·7	986·

STOCK markets gained a modest boost from the miners' union decision to return to work, but sterling's failure to maintain a recovery movement cast a shadow over the main investment sections and stockbrokers reported that their clients were none too keen to extend their commitments, expect in the special situations such as those involved in takeover developments.

The overall market tone in the industrial groups was quite good, with scattered bright features in the leaders prompting gains in the indices; the "30" index closed 4·9 higher at 979·9, after 981·1, while the "100" index was 14·9 up at 1265·7.

As far as the takeover pundits were concerned, the session started with a bang on confirmation of the Al-Fayed offer for **House of Fraser**, whose shares soared to 415p before closing 59 higher at 403p. This was quickly followed by Williams Holdings' bid for **J H & B Jackson**, which ended 25 to the good at 109p; **Williams Holdings** themselves were 15 better at 243p.

Keen American support brought notable strength in **B A T Industries**, finally 35 higher at 368p, after 370p, while transatlantic interest was again reported in **Jaguar**, which advanced 18 to 339p. Chinese contract hopes directed attention to **Cable and Wireless**, 25 up at 515p, after 520p, but **Imperial Chemical Industries** were only a shade better at 846p, after initial strength at 850p.

There was a bright debut for unlisted securities market newcomer **Mayhew Foods**. The shares, placed at 100p, started at 118p and rose to 125p before closing at 121p. **Standard Telephones & Cables** were quoted ex rights at 196p, after 200p, with the new at 4½p premium, after 6p premium. **J Bibby** were also ex rights and closed at 260p; the new finished at 40p premium, after 50p premium.

Government securities made headway in early business as sterling responded to the ending of the miners' dispute, but interest quickly flagged as the currency failed to hold. The printed price lists for the traditional stocks showed little alteration, but index-linked issues were broadly higher, with **Treasury 2 p.c., 1990**, £⅞ up at £97⅛, and **Treasury 2 p.c., 2006**, £½ better at £106.

Results and sub-division news inspired further strength in **Ransome Sims & Jeffries**, which climbed 83p to a peak of 628p. The figures from **Hawley Group** were also well received and left the shares 4p better at 104p, while hopes in connection with today's results from **Unilever** left these shares £3/16 higher at £11 9/16.

Leading bank shares were stronger ahead of the results season, due to start today with the figures from **National Westminster**, whose shares rose 6 to 643p. **Midland**, due to report tomorrow, advanced 12 to 349p on hopes of a market re-rating after what the market expects will be a maintained dividend payment; on last year's payment Midland are on a yield of 10·6 p.c., almost double the sector average.

Brewery issues were firmer for choice, with **Bass** 9 up at 504p and **Scottish & Newcastle** 3 firmer at 136½p. **Distillers** were "the turn" better at 287p.

In the building sector, there was a speculative flurry in **Rugby Portland Cement**, which rose to 134p before closing 5 better at 132p. Takover talk was again heard in **Baggeridge Brick**, another 8 higher at 261p, while interest was also reported in **Blue Circle Industries**, at 511p, and **Alfred McAlpine**, at 248p. On the other hand, **Burnett & Hallamshire** slipped 5 to a low of 65p pending a further announcement on the company's financial situation.

Solid investment interest left gains of about 6p in **Trusthouse Forte**, at 156, and **Imperial Group**, at 192p, while vague takeover suggestions accompanied strength in both **Pressac**, 17 higher at 133p, and **Christies International**, also 17 better at 585p.

Speculators were suggesting that there could be early takeover developments in **T I Group**, but the market remained sceptical and the shares ended 2 easier at 232p, after 236p. However, bid whispers had more effect on **Vickers**, which ended 5 better at a high of 255p. Demand in a very restricted market left **Oriflame** 100p higher at 775p.

Group Lotus advanced to 100p on hopes that Chrysler Corporation will take a stake in the business before closing 6 better at 97p. **Adams & Gibbon** jumped 17 more to 225p on takeover suggestions, but **H. Brammer** reacted to 288p on further consideration of Bunzl's sale of its stake in the company; **Brammer** then rallied to 295p, but were still 11p down. **Bunzl** closed 12 higher at 450p.

The shares of **Blagden Industries** were suspended at 130p (up 2p) pending the announcement or reorganisation particulars. Recent newcomer **Sims Catering Butchers** made further progress to 165p before reacting on profit-taking to close unchanged at 155p; the issue price was 128p.

Metal Closures, an old favourite in the takeover stakes, were 10 higher at 164p, while others to gain ground on bid hopes were **Birmid-Qualcast**, at 87½p, **Powell Duffryn**, at 390p, and **Davy Corporation**, at 97p. **Haden**, awaiting expected new developments in the Trafalgar House bid situation, closed a shade firmer at 300p, after 296p.

Property shares were notable for a speculative flurry in **Centrovincial**, which ended 15 higher at 213p.

Among insurances, **Royals** ended 15 up at 570p after the results, while late demand for selected life issues brought gains of 12p in **Legal & General**, at 615p, and **Prudential**, at 545p.

W. H. Smith attracted renewed takeover speculation and the shares ended 6 up at 184p, after 190p. **Burton Group** rose 9 to 435p, **Rattan Warehouses** 8 to 174p, and **H. Ingram** 25 to 125p, the last-named on bid speculation. In contrast, **Waring & Gillow** were subjected to profit-taking and reacted 12 to 128p.

After a rather uncertain start, leading oil shares responded to some cheap investment demand, hence gains in "**Shell**," 12 higher at 772p, **British Petroleum**, 8 up at 530p, and **Ultramar**, 5 better at 200p. Among second-liners, **Invest Energy** continued to reflect Paris Basin drilling hopes and closed 70 to the good at 860p.

Bullion improved $1·25 to $288·50, but gold shares moved irregularly in quiet trading. Platinums took a turn for the better under the lead of **Impala**, 30 up at 970p.

Tailpiece

THE shares of **A & M Hire** have improved to 19p, compared with a price of 14½p when mentioned here last September, and the signs are that further capital appreciation is on the cards. This supplier of antique furniture and other equipment to the television companies is also engaged in the hiring of props to theatres and film studios and latest intelligence is that growth in business during the past year will be reflected in a profit advance from £705,900 to around the £1 million mark.

The company has already stated that it intends to make a substantial increase in the dividend payment and there should be plenty of scope for this since last year's dividend was covered 9·7 times.

Those shareholders who have accepted a minimal return—the present yield is only 0·8 p.c.—seem set for a bigger reward and there could be further market support for this interesting group. It should also be mentioned that trade whispers suggest that a takeover predator is in the wings.

BRITISH FUNDS

Short-dated (up to five years)

[illegible]

Medium-dated (five to fifteen)

[illegible]

Long-dated (over fifteen)

[illegible]

Undated

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COMMONWEALTH & AFRICAN STOCKS

[illegible]

CORPORATION STOCKS

[illegible]

FOREIGN STOCKS

[illegible]

DOLLAR STOCKS

[illegible]

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

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BREWERIES

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BUILDINGS & ROADS

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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CINEMAS & TV

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DRAPERY & STORES

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ELECTRICAL & RADIO

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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FOOD & CATERING

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INDUSTRIALS

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TOBACCOS

1984-85 High	1984-85 Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
395	175	BAT Inds.	368	+35
93	54½	Carreras Inds.	90	..
220	157	Imps.	192*	+6
201	112	Rothmans	182	..

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
35	Barrow Hepburn (nil pd)	11 pm	−2½
225	Bibby, J. (nil pd)	40 pm	..
365	BPCC (nil pd)	80 pm	−5
39	Renold (nil pd)	6½ pm	..
190	STC (nil pd)	4½ pm	..
40	Southwest Res (nil pd)	13 pm	−1
435	Systemstes. Int. (Nilpd)	110 pm	+10
135	Wirall Henry (nil pd)	1 pm	..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price	Stock	Price	+ or −
100	Alexandra Wkwr Plc	134	−3
10¼	Bennett Fountain	13½	..
160	Bersley Tech.	151	..
90	Bne Brl Toys	140	..
150	Br. Telecom (50p pd)	119	+½
160	Candover	187	..
105	Consd. Vern. Inv.	98	..
£97½	Exch. 11% 1990 (£40 pd)	£30¼	+⅛
100	German Small Units	104	+1
145	Hillsdown Hlds.	182	−6
—	Johnson Mt 8% Pref	135	−1
—	Kinglsey & Forster	53	..
100	Mayhew Foods	121	..
35	Optometric (USM)	35	..
125	Osborne & Little	195	..
—	P&O Conv. Pref. 6·25	114	+2
130	Pennet & Giles Intl	185	..
—	Pleasurama 7% C Pf	109	..
92	Process Systems	80	..
—	Racal 5% conv.	105	..
20	Rex Williams	25½	..
128	Sims Catering Brchrs.	163	..
68	Spalax TV	103	..
£94·895	Spain Ln St 2010 (£30pd)	£31⅛	−⅛
173	Schaper	216	..
£98	Treas. 2% I.L. 2013	£90¼	−¼
95	Whitworth Food Gp.	120	+4

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·50½ dollars
Austria	24·80 schillings
Belgium	71·25 francs
Canada	1·48½ dollars
Denmark	12·82 kroner
Finland	7·46 markkaa
France	10·88 francs
Germany	3·55 marks
Greece	*149·00 drachmae
Holland	4·02 guilders
Iceland	*48·00 kronur
Ireland	1·15½ punt
Israel	750·00 shekel
Italy	*2,215 lire
Japan	278 yen
Malta	*0·5870 pounds
New Zealand	2·40 dollars
Norway	10·24 kroner
Portugal	*192·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·45 rand
Spain	*195·50 pesetas
Sweden	10·12 kroner
Switzerland	3·03 francs
Turkey	515·00 lira
United States	1·06½ dollars
Yugoslavia	*279·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
* Subject to limit.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Mar	104·06	104·04—104·00	24	106·02—101·22
	June	104·29	104·29—104·18	854	106·19—101·25
US T-bond	Mar	69·10	69·13—69·06	390	74·06—59·23
	June	68·10	68·16—68·04	1577	72·16—67·51
3 month £	Mar	86·24	86·25—86·20	276	90·54—86·04
	June	87·71	87·80—87·66	640	90·13—87·39
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·29	90·32—90·25	629	91·85—86·05
	June	89·35	89·38—89·29	3914	90·69—89·32
Sterling	Mar	1·0695	1·0800—1·0677	51	1·2770—1·0410
	June	1·0695	1·0725—1·0660	57	1·1438—1·0000
D-mark	Mar	0·2969	0·2963—0·2964	17	0·3437—0·2887
	June	0·2994	0·2994—0·2993	7	0·3089—0·2911
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	—	—	0·4013—0·3420
	June	—	—	—	0·3588—0·3512
Yen	Mar	—	—	—	0·4109—0·3806
	June	0·3883	0·3884—0·3871	17	0·3887—0·3856
FT-SE 100	Mar	126·95	129·80—126·60	200	131·00—112·00
	Jun	126·55	126·70—126·05	75	131·00—120·40

Contracts specifications include:
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Royal dives to £11·2m

ROYAL INSURANCE opened the composites' preliminary season yesterday with pre-tax profits to Dec. 31 down from £98·1m to £11·2m.

This reflected a £76·3m pre-tax deficit in the United States (against £24·7m) and a profit of £87·5m elsewhere (against £123m).

Premiums written increased from £1·9bn to £2·27bn while underwriting losses increased from £218m to £347m.

The final dividend is to be raised from an equivalent 14·4p net to 15p for a 4·2 p.c. increase to 23·75p.

Questor—P21

Ransomes issue

GRASS cutting and farm machinery manufacturer Ransomes Sims and Jefferies is lifting its dividend from 15p to 20p for 1984 with a 14p final payable May 14.

The company is also proposing to split each share into four and then make a one-for-four capitalisation issue. Shareholders will end up with five shares for every one now held.

Profits surged from £3·18m to £5·31m before tax and a further increase is exepected in the current year.

Questor—P21

Hawley jumps

HAWLEY GROUP'S full-year profits to Dec. 31 have moved ahead of expectations with a pretax jump from £14·2m to £31·5m on turnover up by 118 p.c. to £298m.

Acquisitions and organic growth have been responsible for strong improvements in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

The total dividends for the year have been increased by 20 per cent. to 1·86p net with a final of 1·07p, payable in July.

Questor—P21

Matthey cuts

JOHNSON MATTHEY, the troubled precious metals group which had to sell its banking subsidiary to the Bank of England last October to avoid collapse, is moving to cut head office costs.

The company will start to close its administrative headquarters at Southgate, London, in May with a loss of at least 125 jobs.

This could produce savings of £2m a year.

Pepe success

THE offer for sale of 23·4 p.c. of the equity of jeans and casual clothes distributor Pepe Group, has gone well. Industrial Finance and Investment Corporation, who are handling the issue along with stockbrokers Capel-Cure Myers, estimated it had been "at least eight times oversubscribed.

The basis of allocation will be announced today and dealings on the unlisted securities market, are expected to start on Monday March 11.

Share records

SHARE prices in Tokyo and Germany continued to forge ahead yesterday with both markets establishing peaks. In Tokyo the Nikkei-Dow Jones market average, having at one stage been as high as 12,522·11, closed at 12,509·01 for a gain of 69·35 points.

In Germany the Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares advanced 10·9 points to close at 1,207·3.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Gen) ..	204·20	+ 3·40
BRUSSELS (Stock index)	1,141·64	+ 20·34
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank) ..	1,207·3	+ 10·9
HONGKONG (Hang Seng) ..	1,399·46	− 1·69
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,289·53	− 9·83
PARIS (CAC General) ..	204·60	+ 1·60
SYDNEY (All Ord.)	796·1	+ 5·8
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow) ..	12,509·01	+ 69·35
ZURICH (Credit Suisse) ..	339·00	+ 2·40

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): March 290·20 (289·90), April 291·90 (291·60), June 296·20 (295·90), Aug. 300·90 (300·50), Oct. 305·90 (305·40), Dec. 311·40 (310·80), Feb. 317 (316·50), April 322·60 (321·80), June 328·60 (327·80), Aug. 335 (334·10), Oct. 341·50 (340·40), Dec. 347·80. CHICAGO (Wheat): Mar 348½ (347¼), May 339 (337¼), July 323¾ (326½), Sept 327¼ (327¼), Dec 337 (337¼). Corn: Mar 266 (264¼), May 271 (270¾), July 273¾ (273¾), Sept 261½ (262¼), Dec 256½ (267¼), Mar 270¼, May 275¾ (276½). Oats: Mar 170¾ (171), May 177¼ (176¾), July 165½ (166½), Sept 162½ (163¾). Soybeans: Mar 566¼ (565½), May 575¾ (576½), July 856¼, Aug 587 (588½), Sept 584 (587), Nov 588 (591½), Jan. 599 (602), Mar 610 (614). COCOA: March 2115 (2135), May 2117 (2133), July 2156 (2156), Sept. 2105 (3117), Dec. 2019 (2051), March 2015 (2027), May 2015 (2027), July 2015 (3027). Estimated sales: 1,650 contracts.

U.S. RATES

Federal funds ... 8¾ p.c. (8 13/16)
Treas. 3 month bills ... 8·72-·67 (8·67-·62)
Long bonds ...... $94·23 ($95·12)
Yield ... 11·90 p.c. (11·81 p.c.)

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Grp	620·17	(+5·03)
"500"	667·02	(+5·62)
All-share	610·53	(+4·71)

Fraser agrees £615m offer from Al-Fayed

By BARBARA CONWAY

THE BOARD of House of Fraser is recommending acceptance of 400p a share bid for the group by 29·9 p.c. shareholder Al-Fayed Investment and Trust (U.K.). Confirmation of the cash offer, which values Fraser at £615 million, sent the share price up 59p to 403p yesterday, after touching 415p at one point.

The offer, made formally on Friday night and considered at a special board meeting on Sunday, is described as "fair and reasonable" by the *Fraser directors, with the* exception of Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed and Mr Ali Al-Fayed who represent the trust, and by financial advisers S. G. Warburg.

But, perhaps in deference to nearly eight years of continual war with former major shareholder Lonrho, the board states that it intends to recommend the offer "in the absence *of unforeseen circumstances."*

The immediate rise of the *Fraser shares to well above the* bid level came from indications by Lonrho chief executive Tiny Rowland that his company was still committed *to making its own bid for* Fraser if official restrictions *were removed as expected in* an imminent Monopolies Commission report.

But the final closing level, just below the bid value taking into account a board announcement of an intended *3·5p dividend before the offer* goes unconditional, reflected the general opinion that 400p might well be a high enough price for Fraser to shut out any other United Kingdom bids.

The statement by the trust, advised by Kleinwort Benson, stressed that it "intends to allow the management of House of Fraser extensive autonomy" and that it "regards Harrods as an integral part of *the group."*

Mohamed Al-Fayed added that his family's commitment to Fraser was "long-term" and that they are determined both to retain their current holding plus "all additional shares we acquire, whatever the level of our ultimate holding."

The bid includes a partial or total alternative in unsecured loan notes for those who wish to avoid capital gains complications.

Fraser director George *Willoughby* commented that the board had felt that the assurances on the future were extremely important and that "if we can get a peaceful solution to the situation it is obviously to all our advantage."

The Al-Fayed approach, he added, "seems to me to be a happy way out for all concerned."

Mr Rowland yesterday commented that "400p seems to be a reasonably fair price" but *made no predictions about his* own groups actions over the bid.

Lonrho, whose own market value at 167p a share is £440 million, currently holds over *6 p.c. of Fraser,* enough to block a compulsory buy-out of outstanding shares if the Al-Fayed bid was successful.

But, whatever Lonrho's intentions, the fact that a 400p bid has now been recommended by *the Fraser board* must lead to increased interest in the group *from across the Atlantic.*

In view of the movement of exchange rates over the past two years, Fraser could be a very attractive proposition at around this level to an American bidder or even to another *United Kingdom group if it had* a substantial American base from which to launch a bid. Sears Holdings, the most likely British alternative to Lonrho as *a bidder,* dropped out of the *running yesterday.*

One of the *less predictable* aspects of the bid is the attitude of the Department of Trade and Industry.

The report of the Lonrho involvement in Fraser is due out within the next few weeks *and there is an obvious risk* that the new bid would be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

PRIVATISATION of British Airways has lost momentum. The head of steam that had built up for a *February botation in the wake of* the Telecom bonanza has been dissipated, the *pressure has been* allowed to drop and it will take a *phenomenal amount of stoking to* bring it up again.

The collapse of talks aimed at achieving an out-of-court settlement of the *anti-trust action* brought against British Airways in the wake of the Laker *insolvency* has pushed the date for the flotation beyond the summer.

July no longer looks possible. August is a dim month in the City. September marks the end of British Airways' first-half trading. And so to October.

But even if the Government *waits until October* before launching the company onto the stock market, it has some crucial problems to address before British *Airways could be considered a* suitable private sector investment.

The Laker problem *has to be* disposed of. The directors of British Airways could not append their signatures to a prospectus *with a contingent liability running* to hundreds of millions of dollars. *If a settlement has not been* reached, British Airways will have *to be indemnified by the Government* — a possible way out that would be politically difficulty to accomplish.

The irony is that *it makes no* real odds to the Treasury which *side of privatisation* the Laker settlement falls. If it is before vesting day, it will reduce the net worth of the company which will be reflected in the offer *for sale* terms. If it is after, H M G will have to pick up the tag under an indemnity.

Laker is not, however, the only outstanding problem. The balance sheet is totally inappropriate for a joint stock company. Debt exceeds shareholders' funds in the ratio of three to one, but in the private sector those ratios need to be reversed.

On the basis of probable yield, says 7 p.c., and a price-earnings ratio after a notional full tax charge still in single figures, British Airways is worth £1 billion. But at least £300 million of that needs *to flow* into the company's coffers rather than into the Treasury, and *before it does there's a lot of table* thumping to be done.

Meanwhile, *investors* are losing interest, management is becoming *frustrated* and the air of excitement which was beginning to *motivate the staff is being lost.*

CITY COMMENT

Privatisation of British Airways loses thrust

Mild reaction to pit vote

MARKET *response to the final* collapse of the miners' strike was *disappointingly modest in scope* and brief in duration yesterday, *but it was still a positive welcome.* For some time now it has been *apparent that* overseas holders of sterling have been much more concerned that the strike should end than over the way in which it ended. So the outcome when it came was largely discounted and sterling rose only briefly to $1·080 in the Far East, about 1½ cents. up on last Friday's London close.

The dollar anyway was back in demand, sustained by the sheer buoyancy of the United States economy and hopes of a rise in American rates. By the time the European markets opened, sterling was already drifting back towards $1·08, although it had gained more than 5½ pfennigs against the mark and sterling's average value started the day 0·8 above last Friday's close at 71·6 p.c. of the 1975 figure.

From there on the foreign exchange market began to worry about the effects of a sharp fall in United Kingdom oil consumption and increased downward pressure on world oil prices which would put the pound back on the spot. In fact oil prices held up well, but the pound gradually drifted back to a low of $1·0677. There was no intervention by central banks, but the pound staged a modest rally which left it just 10 *points down on balance* at $1·0705 and 0·1 higher against the wider *range of currencies* at 70·9 p.c. of where it was a decade ago.

Stock markets apparently took their cue from sterling however, and after a bright start the FINANCIAL TIMES 30-share index went nowhere in particular and ended the day 4·9 points better at 979·9 but 5·2 points below the day's best levels.

In the circumstances the underlying fall of $218 million in Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currencies last month was not a major influence. After all the alarms and excursions the pound actually ended the month just under 5 cents. lower against the dollar and its trade-weighted average value was just 0·3 lower. But the events of the period did leave a definite mark.

Wider scope on welfare

TWO or three years ago, when the world was still deeply mired in recession, Western governments brooded darkly on the impending crisis of the welfare state. Sluggish growth meant countries could no longer afford to meet their citizens' demands for higher social expenditures. Worse, it was argued, the rapid growth of spending of the past two decades, twice as fast as the expansion of their economies, had pushed up taxes and state borrowing and so damaged growth prospects by impairing incentives to take and offer jobs.

In Britain the now-defunct Think Tank was asked to produce radical (and ultimately politically unthinkable) *proposals for dismantling key* areas of the welfare state to avoid a *predicted crippling increase in* the tax burden by the early 1990s.

Fortunately, as a report entitled Social Expenditure 1960-1990, published today by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, makes clear, these fears now look needlessly alarmist. Even with only modest economic growth over the next five years or so the Western economies can afford to maintain broadly the present scope of the welfare state and even improve benefit levels (though not as rapidly as *per capita* national income), without increasing the share of output taken by social spending.

Interestingly, Britain, which had the slowest growth of social spending of the major seven industrial countries over the past 20 years (and the slowest growing economy), is seen as having the most scope to raise benefit levels in future, helped by relatively favourable demographic changes.

Inevitably there are caveats to this sanguine assessment. It implies significant constraints on the expansion of social spending by comparison with past years. It assumes no extension of welfare coverage, despite continuing pressure for more spending. And, as the O E C D points out, in the much longer term the ageing of Western populations will put severe pressure on the cost of pensions and health services.

The report admits that hard evidence for the deleterious effect of high social spending on economic performance is lacking. But, it says, there is no denying that the overall slowing of industrial country growth has coincided with large and expanding public sectors. Governments at least need little persuading that restraint, if not retrenchment, must be the order of the day.

Midland's Crocker on 'a new course'

By ANNE SEGALL

CROCKER National Corporation, Midland Bank's troubled Californian subsidiary, has struck a hopeful note in its annual report on the eve of Midland's own 1984 profits announcement.

But the Crocker accounts *reveal that large areas of un*certainty remain, particularly in relation to Latin American debts for which virtually no provision has yet been made. There are also suggestions that Crocker may have suffered a *withdrawal of deposits by in*ternational investors as a result of its well-publicised difficulties.

Frank Cabouet, brought in as chief executive early last year, makes no attempt to reassure shareholders that the worst is over as far as bad debts are *concerned. He argues, however,* that "we have faced adversity, *dealt prudently and decisively* with our major problems and embarked on a new course to make Crocker stronger."

According to the accounts, Crocker lost a total of $327 million (£305 million) last year after making provisions of $527 million (£492 million) against doubtful loans.

These losses will hit Midland hard, *almost wiping out* the bank's buoyant domestic profits.

City analysts expect Midland to emerge with taxable profits of £80 to £90 million after taking into account the contribution from Samuel Montagu, *Thomas Cook and other parts* of the group.

After tax and minorities, this means Midland would be the first major British bank ever to dip into its reserves to fulfil its promise of a maintained dividend.

Crocker's losses would have been even greater, the accounts reveal, but for the sale of its San Francisco headquarters for $558 million in December last year. This produced a profit of $188 *million, with* Crocker taking $82 million of that immediately into profit.

Mr Cabouet argues in his statement to shareholders that Crocker provisions in 1984 were large enough to build up the *bank's reserves against future* problems as well as meet identifiable losses. The reserves of $300 million at the year-end amounted to 1·9 p.c. of total loans.

ICI agrochemicals growth

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries plans to double sales of its Plant Protection Division by the *early 1990s and increase the* research effort by a third.

More acquisitions are not being ruled out but the company plans to rely heavily on a whole range of new agricultural chemicals products being *developed by its own research* teams.

The division plans to recruit 200 more staff, including 21 top chemists who will lead new *research teams, invest £20 mil*lion in new laboratories and support and maintain research spending at around 8 p.c. of *sale.*

The expansion programme *was unveiled yesterday:* by Ronnie Hampel, divisional chairman, and Dr Peter Doyle, research and development director.

I C I at present has around 6 p.c. of the $14 billion a year agrochemical market and aims to increase its share to 8 p.c. *with the new programme.*

Phillips swap terms enliven Wall St

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

TRADING in Phillips Petroleum dominated *Wall Street* yesterday after the oil concern *sweetened its bid to share*holders and removed a take*over threat* from Carl Icahn.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average *closed 9·83 lower at* 1,289·53.

Meantime, United States short term interest rates edged *up and the Fed Funds rate* closed at 8¾ p.c.

In past months the Fed had stepped in with cash injections *when the* Fed Funds Rate, which banks charge each other *for* overnight loans, crept that high.

Phillips Petroleum conceding that it did not win the necessary shareholder votes for a controversial recapitalisation plan at last week's shareholder meeting, *unveiled* a new plan to swap a $4·5 billion *package of debt securities* for 50 p.c. of its outstanding shares.

For each common share, Phillips will exchange $62 of debt securities but analysts put the face value of the offer at *between $52 and $57 a share.*

In response to the sweetened shareholder offer, financier Carl Icahn agreed to drop his $60 a share bid *for* half of Phillips.

The company's directors also reached a separate deal with Mr Icahn wherby Phillips will pick up $25 million in costs associated with Mr Icahn's takeover attempts.

The new deal offered by Phillips does not require shareholder approval and on Wall Street the company's stock soared. Over three million shares had exchanged hands by *noon* and the price was up nearly $2 at 51.

Wall Street investors were divided, however, over whether Phillips latest manouevres would end the comany's four month long battle with unwanted suitors.

● Sterling in New York closed at $1·0685, against $1·0720.

Heavy fuel oil Prices lower

HEAVY fuel oil prices lost more ground in spot market trading yesterday *but the expected* collopse after the decision to end the miners' strike failed to materialise.

Oil traders have been braced for a flood of heavy fuel oil as the Central Electricity Generating Board withdraws from the market and pricing distortions *start to unwind.*

The board's purchases, estimated at an average of 400,000-500,000 barrels a day, have increased demand for crude oil produced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries by a *milion barres* a day, according to some market assessments.

Traders fee that the underlying price trend in the spot market is still weak, although there was a modest 20 cents a barrel rise yesterday in North Sea Brent oil to $27·80 for delivery this month.

Quotations for delivery next month were also up slighty to $26·80 and a deta was done at $26·55 for May shipment, a discount of $2·10 on the official North Sea price.

Heavy fuel oil shed $3 a tonne to $177, extending the drop in prices to $14 since the Generating Board began to reduce purchases.

Brewers dismiss 6pc output rise

BREWERS yesterday reported a 6·25 p.c. *rise in January* output compared with a year earlier, but dismissed it as a fluke with sales just "jogging along" and showing no significant change.

he jump came as they re*stocked after running down sup*plies over Christmas and New Year. A year earlier they had over-provided for Christmas, so January production was curbed because stocks had remained high in pubs and off-*licences.*

January output was over 2·788 million bulk barrels.

Members of the Brewers' Society are trying to persuade Mr Lawson, *Chancellor of the* Exchequer, to let them off *lightly* in the Budget. They claim he is over-taxing beer compared with spirits and wine. This has cost 14,000 jobs and despite closures of some large breweries there is still about 50 p.c. overcapacity in the *industry.*

Accountants hit Insolvency Bill

THE Insolvency Bill is loosely drafted and will penalise honest men while failing to stop delinquent directors, according to the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

"A very substantial number of amendments will be required merely to make some aspects of the Bill meaningful," said Ian Watt, chairman of the institute's *insolvency committee.*

He added that the proposal for an administration order as a half-way house to receivership "emerged in a bastardised form which is quite unworkable." Paul Rutteman, chairman of the institute's parliamentary and law committee, said the "*Bill is seriously flawed.*"

The automatic disqualification *of directors involved in a com*pulsory liquidation may lead to companies calling in an "administrator" and so to early winding up of companies which might have survived.

Carless Capel in $39m U.S. expansion

CARLESS, Capel and Leonard, the middle ranking independent *oil company, yesterday announ*ced a $59·6 million (£37 million) expansion in the United States, four months after losing its battle to take over Premier Consolidated.

The company is paying cash *for the oil and gas leases, min*eral rights and wells owned by LTV Steel, part of the LTV Corporation, in Alabama, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The developed reserves of the assets are estimated to be 36·9 billion cu ft of gas and *816,000* barrels of oil. Current daily production of the interests is around 10 million cu ft of gas and 200 barrels of oil.

Carless will pay for the acquisition by dollar borrowings but John Leonard, chairman, said the loans would not strain the balance sheet.

The acquisition takes the Carless investment in the United States to around $70 million (£65·4 million) and comes against the background of a *United States withdrawal* by fellow oil independents. Tricentrol has sold part of its United States assets while Clyde Petroleum is seeking a buyer.

Carless intended the United *States development to be the* second stage in an expansion strategy with Premier the first. The programme has been thrown out of gear by the Premier rebuff, but Carless is continuing to push ahead with United Kingdom onshore and offshore investment plans.

Credit sales top £1bn mark

CREDIT sales *in January* reached an all-time peak with £1·16 billion of credit, such as hire purchase being advanced, compared with £957 million in the same month last year and £971 million in December.

One reason for the big increase was the January sales with several big shops offering interest-free credit as an inducement.

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113·5	78·1	Eastn & Intnational	111·6	119·3
68·5	45·9	Eastn& Int 6% Wdrwl	62·5	66·8
46·5	34·6	Finance & Property	43·5	46·5
72·7	54·7	Foreign Grth	69·0	72·7
49·3	43·5	Gilt & Fixed	42·3	44·5
72·5	63·4	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	65·5	68·9
60·1	47·6	High Income	54·2	57·9
151·4	100·7	High Income Accum	120·1	128·4
76·6	57·8	High Inc. 8½% Withd.	68·4	73·1
62·6	54·3	High Yield	57·2	61·0
150·4	122·1	High Yield Accum.	139·3	148·6
93·9	80·9	North American	86·4	92·3
26·7	24·5	Preference	24·6	26·3
75·8	67·3	Preference Accum	70·9	75·8
97·3	72·8	Smaller Companies	88·7	94·8
100·4	76·2	Smaller Co's Accum.	93·9	100·4
11·6	8·6	World Penny Share	9·0	9·6
Portfolio Trust				
61·9	47·3	U.K.	58·3	60·4
65·4	44·5	Japan	62·8	65·0
79·6	50·0	U.S.	76·9	79·6
60·3	47·7	Europe	57·1	59·1

ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
227·1	171·3	Fund	210·7	224·2
35·3	29·1	Growth Fund	32·0	34·0
55·5	50·0	High Yield Ex. Fd.	51·8	55·1

ATLANTA UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
46 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL 01-638 1711

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
73·0	50·0	AtlantaAm SpecFnd	67·5	71·8
82·1	63·8	AtlantaCanadianTst	71·7	76·2
59·3	45·0	AtlantaJap.FarEast	51·3	54·6

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh 031-225 2581

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
107·0	98·4	Japan	98·8	105·2
145·1	97·5	America	136·3	145·1
205·2	100·0	Technology	188·4	200·5
125·5	97·0	Energy	114·9	122·3
156·8	100·0	Income Grth	145·0	154·3

BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
89·7	56·7	Unic.Amer	84·8	89·3
161·6	136·3	Unic. Aust. (Acc)	147·8	157·2
135·5	101·0	Unic Austr(Inc)	107·5	114·3
178·7	136·6	Unic Cap	163·7	174·1
334·0	265·8	Unic Exempt	309·1	326·0
58·2	46·8	Unic Extra Inc	53·5	56·9
185·8	139·4	Unic Fin	181·6	193·1
201·0	155·1	Unic. 500	185·5	197·5
109·4	79·4	Unic. Gen	101·2	107·6
52·0	50·1	Unic.Gilt & Ftx. Int	49·7	52·0
115·9	78·3	Unic.Grtr.Pac.(Acc)	109·9	116·9
116·0	78·2	Unic.Grtr.Pac.(Inc)	109·0	115·9
147·9	106·8	Unic Grth. Acc	137·8	146·5
250·1	183·7	Unic. Inc	231·5	246·2
107·9	82·0	Unic. Prof	98·4	105·7
145·4	114·1	Unic. Rec	133·1	141·5
86·7	43·3	Unic. Trust	80·9	86·0
129·6	87·5	Unic. Worldwide	121·9	129·6
256·6	186·4	Trust Inv. Fd. (Acc)	232·9	247·7
173·3	138·4	Trust Inv. Fd. (Inc.)	157·5	167·3

BARING BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED
8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE 01-283 8833

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
222·6	210·1	Strait.Sm.Co'sExFd	213·7	222·6
503·0	466·2	Stratton Trust	472·3	491·1
120·4	106·9	Stratton Euro. Fd	113·2	120·4

BRIDGE FUND MNGRS (A) (C)
Regis House, King William St. E.C.4 01-623 4951

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
84·8	50·0	America Gen. Inc	79·5	84·5
85·5	50·1	America Gen. Acc	79·9	85·0
113·3	81·0	Income Fund	102·4	112·0
113·5	86·4	Capital Inc	103·5	113·3
144·2	106·4	Capital Acc	134·1	144·2
257·0	200·0	Exempt	[illegible]	[illegible]
42·2	34·3	Intnl. Recovery Inc	38·3	41·9
55·2	44·8	Intnl. Recovery Acc	51·0	54·9

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED.
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588 2777 Dealing 01-638 0478/0479

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
102·3	65·2	American Growth	95·9	102·3
61·1	50·0	American Income	57·1	61·1
28·1	19·6	AmericanSmallerCos	26·0	27·7
58·1	51·7	AmericanSpecialSits	52·6	56·1
88·4	51·5	Australian Growth	74·7	79·7
182·3	124·6	Commodity Shares	152·1	162·2
10·1	10·0	European Sm.Co's	9·4	10·0
61·5	52·0	Exempt	57·5	61·5
69·0	52·8	Exempt Mkt Leaders	64·3	67·8
55·2	45·4	Extra Income	48·5	51·7
47·3	35·3	Far East	44·1	47·0
38·4	29·5	Financial Securities	35·5	37·9
38·1	25·0	Gilt	35·0	37·8
34·5	21·2	Gold & General	21·9	23·6
53·5	49·0	Growth Gilt	51·7	53·5
29·4	15·5	Hong Kong Perf	26·0	27·7
161·3	122·6	Income & Growth	149·5	159·3
32·5	20·0	Intnl. Growth	30·5	32·5
14·1	9·9	Intnl. Leisure Mkt	13·2	14·1
46·1	31·1	Japan Performance	43·2	46·1
13·5	10·7	Japan Smaller Co's	12·1	12·9
155·5	117·0	National High Inc	143·6	153·2
19·9	17·8	Preference Shares	16·9	18·0
41·5	32·9	Property Shares	38·4	41·0
82·1	60·2	Recovery	75·4	80·4
119·9	91·0	Smaller Companies	110·4	117·8
81·5	61·9	Special Mkt. Sits	73·0	77·9
37·8	26·0	U K Growth	31·4	33·5
83·6	66·3	Universal Energy	63·8	68·1
54·5	40·7	World Technology	50·8	54·2

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
9-17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
52·0	43·5	Brown Shipley Fund	47·3	51·8
84·4	66·7	Accum	77·2	83·9
102·1	76·3	Financial	94·2	100·8
177·8	125·9	Growth Acc	163·3	175·6
116·8	88·0	Growth Inc	107·5	115·6
52·0	37·9	High Inc	48·4	50·0
57·7	44·0	Income Fund	53·7	57·7
61·9	43·4	North American	57·6	61·3
58·5	43·9	Orient Fund	54·5	58·0
29·6	22·7	Recovery	26·2	28·2
176·8	137·7	Technology Fund	161·3	172·8

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·4	96·3	Buckmaster Intnl Fd	123·2	128·4
80·5	66·4	Buckmaster Inc. Fd.	73·3	76·6
172·2	129·9	BuckmasterGen. Fd.	163·1	170·6
110·00	808·2	BuckmasterSm. C Fd	997·3	1063·1

CANADA LIFE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
93·5	72·3	Can. Life Gen. Dist	88·8	93·5
145·5	109·4	Can. Life Gen. Acc	135·4	142·8
64·5	52·3	Can. Life Inc. Dist	60·5	63·7

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx. HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
265·9	198·6	Income	241·3	256·7
137·6	106·7	Far East	137·0	145·7
158·2	91·0	North American	137·6	146·4
228·2	174·6	Growth	209·4	222·8

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP 01-283 1963

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
21·6	20·3	Gilt & Ftx. In	19·4	20·8
47·0	38·3	High Income	39·9	42·8
42·4	32·1	Inc. & Grth	36·5	41·1
39·3	27·2	Special	34·6	37·0
71·3	53·2	Internl'ional	66·7	71·4
38·4	29·5	Global	35·8	38·4
54·5	40·3	American	51·0	54·5
27·4	19·9	Australian	19·2	20·6
79·7	78·2	Japan	72·8	77·4

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH (0272) 277719

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
30·2	25·0	General Equity	27·4	29·3
31·6	25·0	Equity High Inc	29·7	31·2
28·9	24·5	Gilt & Fixd Int Gwth	25·6	28·2
26·0	21·4	Indexed Secs	24·4	26·0

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173·7	125·6	Growth Fund	161·0	169·4

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
236·3	179·2	Capital Trust	212·4	225·9
64·0	49·3	Energy	51·7	55·0
135·2	104·7	Extra Income	122·1	129·8
104·3	71·6	Financial Trust	98·9	105·0
52·7	49·5	Gilt Strategy	51·6	52·6
259·7	177·4	Growth Invest. Tst	216·3	230·1
107·1	80·1	Income Trust	97·8	104·0
93·1	62·3	JapaneseFPac Gwth	87·6	93·1
103·2	72·2	North Am. Grth Tst	96·8	103·0
151·3	119·7	Portfolio Invest. Fd	138·5	150·0
105·5	75·8	Recovery Trust	97·5	103·5
151·0	111·5	Smaller Companies	141·7	150·7

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown Life House, Woking GU21 1XW (04862) 24933

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
180·1	143·8	Crown High Inc. Tst	163·8	175·3
172·6	131·7	Crown Growth Trust	161·9	172·3
127·2	67·9	Crown American Tst	119·9	127·2

EFM UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
4 Melville Cres., Edinburgh EH3 7JB 031-226 3492 (Dealers)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Grwth & Inc Fd	101·2	108·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Fd	180·5	193·4
127·[illegible]	90·[illegible]	Tokyo Fd	115·7	123·8
83·8	60·7	American Fd	76·0	81·5
66·9	45·5	Capital Fd	62·6	66·9
97·2	67·9	High Dist Fd	62·1	67·8
29·9	[illegible]	Res Fd	26·4	28·2
27·0	24·5	Smaller Jap. Comps	24·5	26·2

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061-236 5685

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
296·5	223·8	Equitable Pelican	276·5	294·2
59·0	50·0	Far Eastern	55·4	59·0
50·2	48·5	Gilt & Fixed Int	47·0	50·0
56·0	50·0	High Income	52·2	55·6
61·1	50·0	North American	59·5	63·1
56·3	50·0	Special Sit.	52·2	55·6
59·8	50·0	Trust of Inv Tst	55·1	58·7

EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
121·7	93·6	UK Growth Tst. Acc.	110·8	117·8
110·6	86·4	UK Growth Tst. Inc.	100·7	107·1
173·5	112·4	Higher Inc.Tst.Acc.	161·1	171·4
148·8	104·5	Higher Inc.Tst.Inc.	138·2	147·0
87·5	77·4	Gilts FxdIntTst.Acc.	82·9	87·2
86·4	71·4	Gilts FxdIntTst Inc.	72·8	76·6
158·5	93·9	North Am Tst Acc.	148·3	157·7
112·6	78·0	Far East Tst Acc.	105·9	112·6
55·6	49·3	Europe Tst Acc.	49·1	52·6
203·1	152·8	General Tst	190·4	202·5

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DY 0732 362222

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
106·0	69·3	American Trust	98·7	105·1
38·2	25·0	Amer. Eqty Income Tst	35·4	37·7
62·9	42·2	Americ. Spec Sit Tst	59·5	63·3
101·6	51·6	Japan Trust	95·5	101·6
30·6	21·7	Japan Spec Sits Tst	28·2	30·1
58·9	41·4	Max. Income Eqty Tst	54·3	57·8
106·2	71·8	Spec Situations Tst	97·3	105·6
31·7	25·0	South East Asia Trst	29·5	31·4
31·5	29·2	Gilt & Fixd Int Trst	28·2	29·8
72·8	49·4	Growth & Income Tst	67·4	71·8
95·3	64·0	Managed Intrntl Tst	89·5	95·3

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, EC4 0BA 01-623 4680

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
82·2	47·8	F&C American Fd	76·8	82·2
105·2	76·6	F&C Capital Fd	98·5	105·2
60·7	40·8	F&C Far East Fd	56·5	60·5
54·7	50·0	F&C Fixed Int Fd	52·7	54·6
65·8	51·0	F&C Income Fd	60·5	64·8
62·9	49·6	F&C Nat Res Fd	58·8	62·7
65·9	49·9	F&C Orvseas Inc Fd	61·3	65·6

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
219·6	158·4	American&Gen.Fd	205·4	218·4
221·6	160·0	Americ&Gen.FdAcc	207·1	220·6
215·2	151·4	Americ Turnarnd Fd	198·0	210·6
220·0	154·8	Americ Trnrnd Acc	202·4	215·2
156·6	107·4	Capital Tst	147·4	156·6
182·5	122·5	Capital Tst. Acc	171·8	182·6
80·2	65·2	Conv. & Gilt Tst	74·8	79·4
100·0	79·8	Conv. & Gilt Tst Acc	93·4	99·2
118·8	83·2	Extra Inc. Acc	109·8	116·8
118·4	82·4	Extra Inc. Tst	111·8	118·8
90·0	87·0	Income Tst	84·6	90·0
90·0	80·0	Income Tst Acc	84·6	90·0
181·2	125·6	Intl. Growth Fd	151·0	160·6
178·8	137·4	Intl. Growth Fd.Acc	165·4	175·8
66·0	44·4	Japan & Gen. Fd	62·2	66·0
65·4	44·4	Japan & Gen. Acc	62·6	65·4
59·0	50·0	Monthly Inc. Fd	55·8	59·0
104·2	77·0	Recovery Tst	97·8	104·0
110·4	80·0	Recovery Tst. Acc	103·6	110·2

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
112·8	97·7	Fixed Int Dist	99·3	106·2
116·3	101·4	Fixed Int Acc	105·4	112·7
169·9	126·3	Equity Units Dist	155·8	164·8
273·8	200·9	Equity Units Acc	251·0	265·6
129·4	95·5	Stewardship Dist	120·7	127·7
130·5	95·5	Stewardship Acc	121·8	128·8

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
190, West George St, Glasgow, G2 2PA 041-332 6462

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
218·6	100·0	Balanced Growth Fd	205·3	218·6

G & A TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
95·2	70·5	G & A	87·6	92·9

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575. Dealing: 01-626 9431

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
157·4	115·0	G.T. European Fund	143·1	151·1
94·8	65·1	G.T. FarEast&GenFd	88·6	94·6
67·9	52·0	G.T. Income Fund	61·6	65·9
126·4	84·0	G.T. Internatnl. Fd.	116·3	124·4
169·8	112·6	G.T. Japan & Gen. Fd	158·7	169·8
102·7	97·9	G.T. Liquid Reserve	98·8	100·4
152·4	110·5	G.T. Pension Exempt	145·5	152·4
95·5	62·1	G.T. Tech & Gwth Fd	88·1	94·3
74·8	54·0	G.T. UK Capital Inc	67·2	71·9
105·5	57·3	G.T. UK Capital Acc	93·7	100·3
59·0	42·4	G.T. U.S. & Gen. Fd	55·1	59·0

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2-4 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Unit dealing: 01-623 5766

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
98·7	65·5	American Trust	92·1	98·0
21·7	17·6	Australian Trust	19·6	20·8
46·2	34·4	British Trust (Accl)	41·8	44·5
40·9	31·3	British Trust (Dist)	37·5	39·9
76·3	61·6	Commod. Share Tst	66·9	71·2
29·8	23·9	European Trust	27·9	29·7
38·8	29·3	Extra Income Trust	36·4	38·8
94·5	54·0	Far Eastern Trust	88·8	94·5
27·2	24·8	Fixed Interest Trust	24·2	25·8
35·2	25·1	Gilt Trust	25·0	26·1
124·4	88·2	Global Fund (Acc)	116·9	124·4
119·6	85·3	Global Fund (Dist)	112·4	119·6
25·0	16·5	Gold Share Trust	16·3	17·4
108·1	84·1	High Income Trust	100·2	106·6
32·5	17·3	Hong Kong Trust	30·3	32·3
51·2	38·5	Income Fund	46·5	49·5
83·8	55·6	Japan Trust	78·6	83·6
51·6	31·3	Oil & Energy Trust	37·4	39·8
74·0	54·3	Special Sits. Trust	69·0	73·5
48·0	38·2	UK Small Co Rec Tst	43·3	46·1

JOHN GOVETT UNIT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Winchester House, 77 London Wall London EC2N 1DH. 01-588 5620

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
72·8	49·9	Intnl Grth Fd	67·9	72·6
70·4	44·3	Amer Grh Fd	65·6	70·1
74·1	50·0	Amer Inc Fd	67·6	72·3
112·6	86·7	Euro Grh Fd	104·5	111·7
58·5	46·5	Gold & Min Fd	47·3	50·5
107·7	69·7	Japan Grh Fd	99·4	106·3
72·5	49·8	Pacific Inc Fd	67·3	71·9
66·0	50·0	U.K. Spc Opp Fd	62·3	66·6

GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
8, Lovatt Lane, EC3 8DT. 01-621 1212

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
51·3	46·6	Granville Capital	48·6	50·9

GRIEVESON MANAGEMENT BARRINGTON FUNDS.
59 Gresham Street, London EC2P 2DS 01-606 4433

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126·5	89·7	Gen Fd Inc	114·6	120·8
167·5	117·5	Gen Fd Acc	151·0	160·0
68·2	48·5	High Yield Fd Inc	63·9	69·0
128·1	84·4	High Yield Fd Acc	118·1	125·7
290·9	213·3	Smaller Co's Fd Inc	273·4	290·9
358·9	241·3	Smaller Co's Fd Acc	315·7	335·9
108·7	72·0	Pacific Fd Inc	103·4	108·7
121·3	80·2	Pacific Fd Acc	115·6	121·3
268·8	189·6	Nrth Am Fd Inc	255·9	268·8
305·5	213·7	Nth Am Fd Acc	291·0	305·5
253·5	181·5	European Fd Inc	241·9	253·5
378·9	229·4	European Fd Acc	305·1	317·5
118·4	104·8	Gilt Yield Fd Inc	107·3	110·7
155·9	141·3	Gilt Yield Fd Acc	151·2	155·9
154·5	94·4	Japan Fd Inc	146·2	154·5
154·5	94·4	Japan Fd Acc	146·2	154·5

GROFUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pouners Hall, 8/9 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2AE. 01-588 5317

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
89·2	50·0	American Tst	84·8	89·2
71·1	55·3	Equity Tst	66·6	70·8
62·7	50·0	European Tst	59·5	62·7
53·8	50·0	Gilt Tst	51·9	53·6
85·2	50·0	Japan Tst	80·9	85·2

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS 01-638 2020

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
252·4	192·1	Guardhill Tst	230·0	238·3
112·8	111·3	Gilt & Fixed Int. Tst	108·5	112·8
163·6	113·1	Growth Equity Tst	149·7	159·3
146·6	92·9	North American Tst	137·8	146·6
158·2	108·3	Pacific Tst	147·6	157·1
169·9	125·3	Smaller Co's Tst	157·9	168·0
155·6	119·0	Property Share Tst	135·3	154·6
127·7	86·0	European Tst	120·0	127·7

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 227300

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
51·4	50·0	HBL Canadian	47·9	51·0
55·3	50·2	HBL Equity Income	50·5	53·3
59·2	55·6	HBL European	55·6	59·2
82·1	78·1	HBL Japan & Far E	77·1	82·1
68·5	57·6	HBL North Amer	64·9	69·1
67·8	62·0	HBL Scandinavian	61·1	65·5
85·8	78·3	HBL Smaller Co's	80·7	85·8

HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Premier U.T. Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
89·5	58·5	Australian	66·4	70·4
51·0	36·3	Capital Growth	46·5	49·7
57·5	40·5	Capital Growth (Acc)	52·3	55·9
140·0	80·6	European	133·0	140·8
100·5	73·3	Japan	94·4	100·5
153·9	105·2	High Income	132·3	139·9
83·7	60·9	Income & Assets	77·0	82·3
127·5	94·4	International	119·8	127·5
152·8	99·3	North American	151·5	162·0
130·1	97·0	Extra Income	117·8	126·0
63·9	40·5	American Small Co's	58·7	62·8
58·2	52·5	Pacific Smaller Co's	53·5	56·8
111·2	81·8	Income & Growth	102·8	109·3
206·2	146·3	Income & Grth (Acc)	190·6	202·7
102·7	79·2	Special Sits	96·6	102·7
141·8	108·0	Special Sits (Acc)	132·6	141·8
79·8	66·5	Smaller Co's Div'd	72·4	77·5
57·6	52·9	Fixed Interest	50·0	53·9
111·8	80·1	Global Tech	105·1	111·4
63·8	43·2	Global Healthcare	60·2	63·8
140·6	91·5	American Recovery	131·8	140·2
108·6	93·5	Japan Special Sits	101·8	108·6
99·2	91·5	Nth American Exmt	95·8	99·2
99·6	69·6	Japan Exempt	93·5	96·2
96·0	69·9	Smaller Co's Exmt	92·3	96·0
38·9	27·9	Financial	36·4	38·9
92·3	73·7	Oil & Natural Res	81·6	86·5
51·1	48·4	Pref. & Gilt	45·6	48·8
85·9	64·1	Recovery	72·6	77·6
48·0	32·0	Gilt	43·0	46·5
82·4	46·2	Singapore & Malay'n	45·7	48·7
277·8	229·8	Worldwide	261·6	278·1
171·1	117·7	Pacific Exempt	164·3	171·1
80·8	57·3	Global Tech Exmt	75·7	78·9
95·7	71·7	High Income Exmt	91·6	95·4
272·1	215·9	European Exmt Tst	259·6	270·4
51·2	50·0	European Small Co's	48·8	50·9

HERITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
57, Berkeley Square, London, W1X 6EH 01-393 6621

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
76·7	63·6	Heritable Growth Fd	71·0	76·8
67·6	51·0	Heritable Income Fd	62·2	67·2

HESMOSS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
30/31 Friar Street, Reading, Berks RG1 1AH 0734-595511

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
72·9	55·6	Caversham Fund	67·7	71·7
60·1	50·0	Caversham Ex In Fd	55·9	59·3

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGRS.
45 Beech St., London EC2P 2LX 01-628 8011

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
434·4	328·7	British Tst	395·9	421·2
85·0	61·0	Capital Tst	79·4	85·3
189·0	161·7	Dollar Tst	174·5	185·7
68·4	50·3	European Tst	63·2	67·3
106·2	72·6	Far East	99·8	106·2
270·5	202·9	Financial Tst	250·2	266·2
40·2	35·4	Gilt & Fix Int	36·4	37·8
51·7	40·5	High Yld. Tst	48·1	51·2
63·5	47·0	Inc. Tst	58·7	62·5
108·8	79·8	Intnl. Tst	100·4	106·9
34·4	23·6	Jap. Tech. Tst	32·5	34·1
33·5	20·9	Small Co's Tst	31·9	33·5
82·4	66·5	Special Sits	78·2	81·1
29·4	28·6	Gilt & Fix Int	26·5	27·6
41·9	31·1	Nat. Res. Tst	33·8	36·0
165·7	105·9	Secs. Tst	133·0	141·5

IBI FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
32, Queen Anne's Gate, London. SW1H 9AE. 01-222 1000.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
107·9	81·7	British & Overseas Tst	101·3	107·8
51·7	50·0	High Income Gilt Tst	48·6	51·8
51·7	50·0	Security Gilt Tst	51·6	54·3
59·8	50·0	Invst Trusts Fund	55·8	58·8

KEY FUND MANAGERS
33 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
177·2	116·5	Key Equity & Gen.	160·1	172·2
65·6	57·7	Key Fixed Int. Fd	56·8	61·0
165·8	123·7	Key Income Fund	152·1	163·6

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT MNGRS.
20 Fenchurch St., London EC3 01-623 8000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
226·8	172·6	UK Equity Grth Inc	200·6	217·6
363·3	273·7	UK Equity Grth Acc	325·0	352·6
173·5	125·8	Fd of Inv. Tst. Inc	158·8	171·5
212·6	158·3	Fd of Inv. Tst. Acc	196·2	211·9
122·2	101·2	Smaller Co's Inc	115·3	122·2
154·9	126·6	Smaller Co's Acc	146·1	154·5
100·7	77·8	High Yield Inc	92·8	98·4
154·7	115·2	High Yield Acc	143·0	151·6
58·4	48·4	American Grth. Inc.	55·1	58·4
58·7	48·4	American Grth. Acc.	55·4	58·7
60·1	44·4	Jap. Grth. Inc	56·7	60·1
60·1	44·4	Jap. Grth. Acc	56·7	60·1
54·0	41·7	Worldwide Tech Inc	45·0	48·1
54·0	41·8	Worldwide Tech. Acc	45·1	48·3
76·0	41·7	Intnl. Rec. Inc	71·7	76·0
77·8	41·8	Intnl. Rec. Acc	73·4	77·8

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT TST. MNGRS.) LTD
Premier U.T. Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
380·3	215·8	Equity Tst	305·4	319·7
347·1	325·2	Equity Accum	312·2	334·0
70·7	67·0	Gilt Tst	66·2	70·1
70·6	62·6	Intnl. Mngd. Tst	66·3	70·6

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
Registrar's Dept., Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex. 0903 502541. Dealing: 0444 459144

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
155·9	146·2	Balanced Unit Tst	140·6	150·3
267·3	250·5	Balanced Unit Acc	241·0	257·7
124·1	114·9	Extra Inc. Unit Tst	114·7	122·6
207·3	194·0	Extra Inc. Unit Acc	193·4	206·8
209·6	194·3	Inc. Unit Tst	195·5	209·1
391·1	363·4	Inc. Unit Acc	365·7	391·1
110·4	98·7	Pacific Bas. Unit Tst	102·3	109·4
113·3	101·7	Pacific Bas. Unit Acc	106·0	113·3
172·1	154·9	WldwdeGrth Unt Tst	161·0	171·1
238·6	214·8	WldwdGrth Unt Acc	223·1	238·6

LONDON & MANCHESTER (TST. MNGMT.) LTD.
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 218347

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
35·6	26·4	General Tst	33·0	35·2
27·6	25·0	Inc. Tst	25·8	27·6
31·8	25·0	Intnl. Tst	29·6	31·6

LONDON LAW UNIT TST. MNGMT. LTD.
Bailey House, Old Seacoal Lane, London EC4. 01-236 6105

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
146·7	100·0	Capital Grth. Fd	135·6	145·1

M & G GROUP P.L.C.
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
313·1	129·6	American & Gen. Inc.	305·1	319·5
253·7	145·8	American&Gen.Acc	253·3	269·6
257·9	162·4	American Recvy Inc.	238·6	253·2
275·2	172·5	American Recvy Acc.	252·5	270·2
59·9	38·6	AmericanSml Co's Inc	55·5	59·4
60·8	38·8	AmericanSmlCo's Acc	55·9	59·6
105·7	77·1	Austral & Gen. Inc	79·7	84·5
113·4	83·0	Austral & Gen Acc	86·3	91·5
208·2	173·0	Commodity & Gen. Inc	189·2	200·6
268·0	215·7	Commodity & Gen Acc	241·9	256·4
335·1	268·1	Compound Growth	311·8	330·5
382·8	309·0	Conv. Growth	356·0	382·0
157·3	120·6	Conv. Income	142·0	150·5
303·3	231·7	Dividend Inc	279·2	296·9
841·7	590·4	Dividend Acc	775·6	822·1
117·5	87·9	Euro & Gen Inc	110·3	116·9
138·9	102·5	Euro & Gen Acc	130·4	138·2
171·2	131·1	Extra Yield Inc	160·0	169·6
344·4	250·9	Extra Yield Acc	321·8	341·1
175·0	127·3	Far Eastn & Gen Inc.	163·6	173·4
210·1	150·9	Far Eastn & Gen Acc.	196·5	208·3
203·9	151·6	Fd of Inv. Tst. Inc	191·6	203·1
309·6	227·6	Fd of Inv Tst Acc	290·8	308·3
473·3	357·4	General Inc	436·6	462·8
960·4	712·6	General Acc	886·0	939·2
61·1	55·7	Gilt & Fixed Int Inc	54·2	56·9
82·2	73·1	Gilt & Fixed Int Acc	75·2	79·0
60·3	42·1	Gold & Gen Inc	42·2	44·7
60·9	42·9	Gold & Gen Acc	43·5	46·1
233·1	177·2	High Income Inc	217·2	230·2
590·0	427·6	High Income Acc	551·1	584·2
683·6	547·9	Int. Growth Inc	640·1	678·5
£10·52	840·4	Int. Growth Acc	994·7	£10·54
543·7	361·4	Japan & Gen Inc	502·9	533·1
580·1	385·6	Japan & Gen Acc	536·6	568·8
71·4	47·8	Japan Sml Co's Inc	65·8	69·5
71·6	47·8	Japan Sml Co's Acc	65·7	69·6
398·1	268·6	Midland & Gen Inc	369·8	392·0
945·8	613·5	Midland & Gen Acc	876·4	929·0
242·0	182·4	Recovery Inc	227·9	241·6
302·4	222·5	Recovery Acc	284·9	302·0
537·6	428·9	Second Gen Inc	504·8	535·1
£10·19	800·4	Second Gen Acc	957·6	£10·15
529·1	430·3	Smaller Co's Inc	497·6	527·5
808·3	625·2	Smaller Co's Acc	759·4	805·0
342·6	274·3	Trustee Inc	317·7	336·8
930·0	726·4	Trustee Acc	861·8	913·5
295·7	226·5	Charifund Inc	284·6	287·6
705·1	483·3	Charifund Acc	682·8	689·7
110·8	101·5	Charibond Inc	—	102·4
283·6	250·0	Charibond Acc	—	276·1
33·5	30·4	N.A.A.C.I.F. Inc	—	30·3
341·9	286·5	N.A.A.C.I.F. Acc	—	338·2
357·0	274·9	Pension Exempt	339·0	354·3

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
27/41 Old Queen St, Westminster, London SW1H 9JG. 01-222 0311

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
280·8	201·9	MLA Un Tst UK Gnl	251·9	267·0
44·1	30·0	MLA Int Tst	41·7	44·1
23·8	22·1	MLA Gilt Tst	21·9	23·2
31·8	25·0	MLA Income Tst	29·3	30·9

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage 0438 356101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97·9	88·4	Gilt & Fixed Int	91·2	94·0
62·0	35·8	Growth Units	56·7	60·3
90·3	58·8	High Income Units	84·6	89·9
100·3	70·6	Int. Growth Units	92·4	98·2
76·8	50·0	Nth.American Units	69·9	74·3
72·5	50·0	Far East Units	66·7	70·9
51·7	50·0	U.K.Smaller Comp's	48·5	51·6

MARLBOROUGH COURT FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
103 Oxford St., Manchester M60 7HA 061-236 9432

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
115·6	87·5	U.K Equity Fund	104·0	111·0
132·5	94·5	Equity, Inc Fund	112·0	119·5
137·5	100·0	International Fund	129·0	137·5

MENCAP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Unicorn House, 252 Romford Road, London E7. 01-534 5544

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
105·6	80·6	Mencap	97·3	103·5

MERCURY FD MNGRS LTD
33 King William St., London EC4R 9AS 01-280 2800. Deal: 01-280 2860

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
185·0	132·6	Gen. Fd. Dist	171·9	182·8
251·5	205·9	Gen. Fd. Acc	273·5	290·7
215·7	144·6	Intl. Fd. Dist	202·8	215·7
263·5	175·3	Intl. Fd. Acc	247·7	263·5
83·9	73·6	Gilt Fund Dist	79·1	79·8
84·2	80·1	Gilt Fd. Acc	81·5	83·5
50·0	50·0	Amer. Income Fund	47·0	50·0
87·0	58·6	Amer. Gwth. Fd Dis	82·0	87·0
94·1	62·6	Amer. Gwth. Fd Acc	88·5	94·1
103·0	68·5	Jap Fd. Dist	97·8	103·0
104·8	68·2	Jap Fd. Acc	97·8	103·8
71·5	50·7	Euro Fd. Dist	66·9	71·1
72·3	50·7	Euro Fd. Acc	67·7	72·0
178·8	131·6	Exempt Ud. Dist	161·7	166·7
284·6	191·5	Exempt Fd. Acc	282·3	299·7
132·2	99·8	Rec. Fd. Dist	123·6	131·5
184·6	107·9	Rec. Fd. Acc	126·4	154·4
61·6	47·8	Inc. Fd. Dist	56·7	60·3
63·7	48·3	Inc. Fd. Acc	59·5	63·2

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Courtwood House, Silver St., Head, Sheffield S1 3RD. 0742 79842

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55·3	50·0	Gilt & Fixed Int	49·9	51·0
79·0	60·7	Gilt & Fixed Int. Acc	72·7	75·7
124·0	96·5	High Yield	114·1	121·7
185·1	146·4	High Yield Acc	180·4	192·3
136·4	105·9	Income	122·2	130·3
221·2	159·8	Income Acc	191·6	234·5
183·4	126·0	Japan & Pacific	172·0	183·4
191·7	131·7	Japan & Pacific Acc	179·8	191·7
179·5	76·5	North American	99·6	105·3
125·1	89·9	North American Acc	117·0	124·8
69·1	50·2	Capital	63·5	67·7
89·5	54·8	Capital Acc	83·7	89·2
147·2	114·5	Commodity & Gen	126·4	134·8
190·5	153·9	Com. & Gen. Acc	171·3	182·7
51·5	45·0	Extra High Inc	48·1	51·3
54·4	50·0	Extra High Inc. Acc	50·9	54·2
91·4	67·4	Overseas Growth	84·5	90·1
107·8	79·8	OverseasGrowthAcc	100·3	106·9
86·1	65·2	Smaller Co's	73·7	78·6
87·7	66·6	Smaller Co's Acc	76·3	81·3

MINSTER FUND MNGRS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97·3	74·8	The Minster Fd	90·5	93·5

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS
11 Devonshire Square, EC2M 4YR 01-626 3434

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·4	40·2	Gold & Prec's Metals	41·6	44·3
50·3	40·2	Gold & P. Metal Acc	42·4	45·2
71·2	43·8	Japan Performance	66·8	71·2
71·3	44·2	Japan Perf'nce Acc	66·0	71·3
55·9	50·0	U.K. Mrket Features	48·8	51·7
55·9	50·0	U.K. Mkt Ftrs Acc	48·8	51·7
79·5	46·7	U.S. Special Feat'es	74·4	79·3
79·5	47·3	U.S. Sp. Feat'es Acc	74·6	79·5
62·5	50·0	U.S. Special Income	58·4	62·2
62·5	50·0	U.S. Special In. Acc	58·6	62·5
305·6	213·5	Equity Exempt	280·7	305·6
370·9	285·7	Equity Exempt Acc	355·2	370·9

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
163 Hope St., Glasgow G2 041-221 5521

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
117·6	79·7	American Fd	107·1	114·6
117·6	87·5	Euro Fd	108·7	116·9
159·9	115·2	Smaller Co's Fd	147·0	159·9

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
48 Gracechurch St., London EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
164·8	117·8	Growth Tst Dist	153·4	163·3
257·5	179·7	Growth Tst Acc	239·5	254·6
487·7	328·2	Overseas Tst Dist	450·8	487·7
587·6	412·3	Overseas Tst Acc	555·2	587·6

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
1010·10	796·7	Grp. Tst. Fd.	913·1	960·1

OPPENHEIMER FUND MNGT LTD.
66 Cannon St., London EC4N 6AE 01-236 3885

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Oppenheimer Trusts				
96·5	71·7	Int. Grth	85·1	90·5
43·7	28·6	Income & Growth	40·9	43·7
54·4	42·4	Special Situations	51·1	54·1
31·6	22·4	American Growth	29·0	30·9
39·6	27·8	Japan Growth	37·2	39·9
32·3	25·0	European Growth	30·1	32·2
38·2	25·0	UK Growth	35·7	38·2
30·4	25·6	Pacific Growth	28·2	30·2
28·8	25·0	High Income	26·2	28·0
Practical 01-623 8893				
45·6	34·1	Income Units	42·8	45·6
80·0	59·1	Accum. Units	75·1	78·0

PEARL TRUST MANAGERS
252 High Holborn, London WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441 (Ext 4772)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
98·3	73·4	Unit Trust	91·2	97·1
164·4	118·4	Unit Accum	153·8	162·3
69·8	53·8	Growth Fund	64·5	68·7
101·3	77·7	Growth Accum	93·7	99·7
91·3	65·0	Income Fund	84·6	90·1

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
48 Hart St., Henley-on-Thames Oxon, RG9 2AZ. (0491) 576868

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
194·8	157·9	Growth Fund	181·5	194·8
139·9	101·8	Income Fund	129·4	138·6
115·7	80·3	Worldwide Recv. Fd	105·9	113·7
72·9	45·3	American Growth Fd	67·9	72·9
65·0	50·0	Intern. Em. Co's Fd	60·6	65·0

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS
222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 7544/7

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
61·9	50·0	Extra Income	57·9	61·6
133·6	95·6	Far Eastern	123·4	132·3
82·3	73·1	Gilt Capital	76·6	79·7
130·9	92·2	High Income	121·4	129·2
100·6	70·5	International	93·9	100·6
130·0	91·3	North American	125·0	133·6
149·7	102·5	Special Situations	140·7	149·7
141·8	107·3	Technology	132·5	141·8

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford IG1 2DJ 01-478 3377

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
340·3	257·0	Prudential Unit Trust	315·8	335·9
164·9	134·6	Holborn Gilt Trust	144·1	150·7

QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD
Garrard House, Gresham St., London EC2V 7LH. 01-600 4177

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
345·7	287·6	Quadrant General	318·9	339·3
186·7	151·6	Quadrant Income	172·4	183·5
361·7	253·0	Quadrant Internat	343·6	361·7
210·1	171·0	Quadrant Recovery	199·5	210·1

REED STENHOUSE INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
145 Borough High Street, 01-628 6011

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
101·45	99·6	Wellington Gwth Fd	96·62	102·79

RELIANCE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
01-628 6011. Telex: 291931

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
139·5	107·6	British Life	128·6	136·0

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
302·3	221·2	N.C. America Inc	262·1	275·8
320·9	235·0	N.C. America Acc	278·4	293·0
200·0	156·9	N.C. Energy Reso. Tst	186·6	195·4
349·8	245·9	N.C. Income Fund	307·8	329·0
145·9	95·5	N.C. Jap. Fd	136·7	145·9
115·8	93·5	N.C. Smaller Co's	105·8	111·3
107·5	100·0	N.C. Smaller Eurp'n	101·6	108·9

ROWAN UNIT TST MNGT LTD.
1 Finsbury Ave., London EC2M 2PA 01-606 1066

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
211·5	160·5	American Fd	201·5	205·5
586·5	405·0	Secs Fd	516·0	531·0
285·0	203·0	Merlin Fd	277·0	285·0
130·0	99·5	High Yield Fd	124·0	128·0
125·5	103·5	High Int Fd	116·5	120·5
153·5	132·0	Fixed Int Fd	143·0	146·0
149·5	105·5	Far East Fd	146·0	149·5

ROYAL LIFE FD MNGT LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·0	37·1	Equity Tst	45·9	48·8
66·8	44·7	Int. Tst	62·5	66·5
27·5	24·4	Gilt Tst	24·6	25·8
32·9	24·3	U.S. Tst	30·9	32·8
28·1	25·9	Pac Basin Tst	27·0	28·7

THE ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Royal London Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA (0206) 576115

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
148·7	110·9	Cap Acc Tst	135·3	145·0
82·8	48·3	American Growth	77·6	82·6
54·4	48·9	Gilt Inc	48·9	51·5
56·8	48·5	High Inc	52·4	55·8
68·2	49·7	Inc & Growth	62·0	66·5
78·7	52·9	Special Sits	73·6	78·7

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
Hexagon House, 28 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 66966

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
70·1	49·9	American Inc&Gwth	65·3	69·8
98·3	69·3	Capital Units	89·7	95·9
61·4	48·5	Commodity Share	56·5	60·4
61·1	49·6	Energy Inds	53·4	56·9
64·6	48·3	Euro Growth	60·4	64·6
79·6	52·2	Financial Secs	75·4	80·6
57·5	51·2	Gilt & Fl Inc	51·7	54·2
136·2	105·6	High Return	125·6	133·6
121·0	90·2	High Yield	111·9	119·0
82·0	63·6	Income Units	72·1	76·7
79·0	64·1	Inv Tst Units	74·5	79·3
72·8	48·5	Japan Growth	68·1	72·8
76·9	62·5	Japan Sml Co's	71·4	76·1
120·3	84·7	New Tech Fd	112·6	119·7
100·2	78·8	Scotbits	93·7	100·2
122·3	100·3	Scotshares	118·3	125·0
108·6	83·9	Scotyields	102·8	109·3
59·7	49·6	Select Int	54·1	60·1
119·4	86·8	Smaller Co's Inc	112·3	119·4
110·0	78·3	South East Asia	102·8	109·1
71·3	57·3	Special Sits	67·4	71·5
143·4	104·2	UK Equity	129·4	138·0
76·1	48·3	US Growth	71·0	76·1
76·2	56·3	Universal Growth	71·7	76·2

SCHRODER UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
Regal House, 14 James St. WC2 0705 827733

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
130·2	91·1	Amer Fd Inc	122·3	130·2
131·4	91·2	Amer Fd Acc	123·5	131·4
68·6	51·1	Aust Fd Inc	64·4	68·6
72·3	51·1	Aust Fd Acc	68·0	72·3
69·1	55·5	Euro Fd Inc	64·9	69·1
69·1	55·6	Euro Fd Acc	64·9	69·1
136·9	103·0	Inc Fd Inc	125·9	135·2
288·7	204·8	Inc Fd Acc	265·0	285·0
109·7	71·8	Intnl Fd Inc	93·8	99·7
144·7	94·8	Intnl Fd Acc	127·8	136·4
70·0	45·5	Jap Sml Co's Fn	65·8	70·0
96·7	56·5	Sml Co's Fd Inc	83·5	95·7
119·3	82·6	Sml Co's Fd Acc	108·1	115·4
87·5	70·4	Special Sits Fd Inc	79·3	84·5
89·0	71·6	Special Sits Fd Acc	81·1	86·4
144·0	99·7	Tokyo Fd Inc	131·4	140·0
144·7	99·6	Tokyo Fd Acc	132·0	140·7
83·5	62·9	UK Equity Fd Inc	76·3	81·3
125·8	91·4	UK Equity Fd Acc	114·0	121·5
520·1	394·3	Pen & Charity Fd Inc	469·7	500·7
526·9	469·2	Recovery Fd Inc	500·1	526·9
510·94	482·0	Spec Exempt Fd Inc	510·24	510·92
59·4	51·2	Gilt & Fixd Int Fd Inc	50·4	53·1
77·0	68·1	Gilt & Fixd Int Fd Acc	69·7	73·5
50·5	41·1	Gold Fd Inc	40·2	42·8
50·6	41·2	Gold Fd Acc	40·2	42·8
89·4	73·4	Sing & Malr Fd Inc	81·9	87·3
90·0	73·0	Sing & Malr Fd Acc	82·9	88·3
65·6	46·7	U.S. Sml Co's Fd Acc	61·1	65·1

SCHRODER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Box 273, St Peter Port, Guernsey 0481 28750

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Portfolio Selection Fund Ltd.				
1·123	0·983	American Fund	1·04	1·112
$1·346	$0·952	Am. Smaller Co's Fd	$1·069	$1·143
100·4	96·4	Australian Fund	82·2	87·96
111·5	107·7	British Fund	101·1	108·1
114·7	101·5	European Fund	106·5	113·7
96·8	94·1	Gold Fund	85·1	91·0
132·8	101·0	Hong Kong Fund	121·9	130·3
119·3	100·3	International Fund	110·8	118·5
116·4	101·3	Japanese Fund	108·4	115·9
111·7	101·5	Jap. Smaller Co's Fd	101·7	108·7
216·2	101·2	Singapore & Mal. Fd	107·5	114·9
$1·050	$1·005	Dollar Fixed Int'est	$0·995	$1·020
101·6	92·1	Sterling Fixed Int'est	92·9	99·6
5·051	5·002	Deutschemark Curr'y	—	5·051
1·030	1·001	Dollar Currency	—	1·030
1·026	1·001	Sterling Currency	—	1·026
202·7	200·1	Yen Currency	—	202·7
106·9	100·3	Managed Currency	98·7	105·8

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FUND MANAGERS LTD.
31 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
131·5	102·3	Income Units	122·2	130·1
187·8	144·4	Accum. Units	174·7	185·9

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041-248 6100

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
108·1	99·8	Gilts & Fixed Int'est	95·9	102·0
128·5	100·0	U.K. Equity	118·9	126·5

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS LTD
29 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HA 031-226 4372

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
35·6	23·5	World Growth Fd	33·2	35·6
42·5	29·1	Pacific Fd	39·3	42·1
36·3	29·9	Income Fund	33·2	35·6
36·0	24·2	Nth. American Fd	33·6	36·0

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MANAGEMENT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
211·3	159·6	Pegasus Equity Acc	190·1	202·3

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225 2552

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
198·0	139·6	Income Units	181·0	194·1
211·0	146·8	Accum. Units	192·2	205·7

STEWART UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
45, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-226 3271

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
228·8	152·9	American Fund	205·5	218·8
163·2	108·0	Australia Fund	118·2	125·9
428·0	308·8	British Capital Fund	391·8	417·2
182·6	140·4	European Fund	170·2	181·4
240·5	153·0	Japan Fund	213·5	227·3
123·4	92·7	Saints PPP	117·2	123·4

SUN ALLIANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham 0403 56293

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
335·2	248·8	Equity	301·7	320·4
63·4	29·3	North America	59·6	63·4
59·1	50·0	Far East	55·5	59·0

TSB UNIT TRUST
PO Box 3 Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264 62188 Dealings: 0264 63432-3

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
129·6	95·9	Gen Inc	117·9	124·5
205·2	167·8	Gen Acc	186·7	198·7
266·4	194·0	Intl Inc	250·1	266·1
321·4	252·4	Intl Acc	302·1	321·4
167·6	124·2	Inc Inc	154·2	164·1
247·8	176·2	Inc Acc	227·3	242·4
135·5	91·2	Pacific Inc	127·2	135·4
137·1	92·1	Pacific Acc	129·4	137·7
118·8	76·6	American Inc	109·6	116·9
121·5	77·9	American Acc	113·0	120·3
49·6	37·5	Selected Opps Inc	46·6	49·6
53·1	39·2	Selected Opps Acc	49·7	52·9
100·9	72·4	Extra Inc Inc	92·6	98·1
100·9	75·4	Extra Inc Acc	92·2	98·1
51·0	41·9	Gilt & Fix Int Inc	45·6	47·4
57·4	51·2	Gilt & Fix Int Acc	53·8	56·1
56·2	49·7	Natural Res Inc	54·4	57·9
56·2	49·7	Natural Res Acc	54·4	57·9

TARGET TST MNGRS LTD
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
86·4	60·3	Amer Eagle Fd	80·8	86·4
35·7	28·9	Australia Fd	32·8	34·8
121·6	95·5	Commodity Fd	96·5	103·8
64·7	45·3	Energy Fd	47·4	50·7
105·6	74·3	Equity Fd	98·0	104·5
97·0	81·6	Extra Inc. Fd	84·6	90·5
209·2	150·3	Financial Fd	194·0	206·9
220·6	197·0	Gilt Cap. Fd	204·4	214·0
115·2	100·5	Gilt Inc. Fd	97·3	101·9
99·1	63·8	Gold Fd	65·4	70·8
129·9	114·9	Gold Fd. Acc	118·3	126·6
81·1	44·5	Income Fd	55·9	60·0
113·7	82·4	Inv. Tst. Fd	104·0	110·8
56·7	39·3	Japan Fd	53·2	56·7
37·4	28·7	Malaysia & Sing. Fd	32·0	34·1
82·6	50·9	Pacific Fd	76·0	81·3
100·1	60·7	Pacific Fd. Acc	92·0	98·4
16·6	14·9	Pref. Share Fd	14·8	16·0
488·5	337·3	Professional Fd	439·2	468·5
87·5	61·2	Special Sits. Fd	81·6	87·3
56·7	41·9	Technology Fd	51·0	54·8
56·5	45·8	U.S. Special Bond Fd	52·3	55·8
125·4	63·1	Worldwide Cap. Fd	117·6	125·4
622·6	450·2	Equity Exempt Fd	565·9	622·6
£11·20	807·5	EquityExempt FdAc	£10·50	£11·20

TEMPLE BAR UNIT TST MNGRS
Electra House, Temple Place, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 3HP. 01-836 7766

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
41·7	36·2	Gilt Tst	35·6	37·9
50·0	39·1	High Inc. Tst	40·2	45·1
132·8	84·9	Nth. American Tst	124·3	132·2
114·7	91·9	Recovery Tst	107·7	114·6
89·7	55·9	St.Vinc't High.InvTst	65·5	67·6
85·1	50·0	St.Vinc't U.S.GrthT	81·6	85·1

TOUCHE, REMNANT UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.
Mermaid House, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 01-236 6565

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
45·9	33·0	Inc. & Growth Fd	42·2	45·4
43·9	30·7	Overseas Growth Fd	40·8	43·4
31·4	22·0	American Gro'th Fd	28·5	30·7
38·7	27·1	General Growth Fd	36·3	38·6
35·6	25·0	Global Tech Fd	33·1	35·3
40·2	35·5	Inc. Monthly Fd	36·8	39·3
39·3	25·0	Smaller Co's Fd	36·0	39·0
37·4	25·4	Special Opp. Fd	35·2	37·4

TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES COMPANY LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
394·3	283·8	Co'enco (Inc.)	373·4	391·1
687·7	498·7	Colenico (Acc.)	589·8	617·7
161·4	95·8	S.& W. American Tst	154·0	161·4

TYNDALL MANAGERS LIMITED
18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 732241

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90·0	61·5	Australian Secs	67·8	73·6
91·4	68·7	Australian Acc	69·5	74·4
287·4	228·8	Capital Fd	261·0	276·8
491·0	378·8	Capital Acc	447·0	474·0
54·9	49·4	Euro Grth Fd. Acc	51·5	54·9
230·0	199·2	Exempt Fd	211·8	225·6
486·0	397·2	Exempt Acc	452·4	482·0
154·1	114·6	Far East Fd	145·4	153·9
163·5	120·0	Far East Acc	155·3	163·5
39·3	32·4	Fin & Prop Fd	37·1	39·6
59·9	47·8	Fin & Prop Acc	56·2	59·9
116·1	106·4	Gilt Cap Tst	109·8	115·1
125·2	112·2	Gilt Cap Acc	118·3	125·0
112·0	100·6	Gilt Inc Tst	99·4	103·1
157·8	139·9	Gilt Inc Acc	147·2	152·8
42·5	33·8	High Yield Fd	39·6	42·2
85·8	64·1	High Yield Acc	79·8	85·0
181·2	143·6	Income Fd	165·2	175·2
522·0	393·2	Income Acc	480·8	509·8
139·8	108·4	Intl Earn Fd	129·4	138·3
196·4	149·8	Intnl Earn Acc	181·8	193·3
65·5	53·5	Intnl Grth Fd	61·3	65·5
69·7	53·6	Intnl Grth Acc	66·4	69·7
84·5	60·6	Japan Grth Fd. Acc	79·6	84·5
241·4	177·6	Nat Res Fd	202·2	215·4
337·8	249·6	Nat Res Acc	283·8	302·4
126·0	95·0	Nth Amer Grth Fd	117·5	125·6
143·3	107·7	Nth Amer Grt Acc	135·1	143·5
115·8	104·6	Pref Fd	101·8	108·6
255·6	225·0	Pref. Acc	232·8	248·0
343·6	251·6	Scot. Inc. Fd	303·2	323·0
342·2	268·0	Scot. Inc. Acc	322·6	343·6
150·9	122·1	Small Cos Fd	141·4	150·8
197·6	156·9	Small Cos Acc	185·3	197·4
85·2	68·6	Special Sits Fd	79·8	85·1
86·8	69·2	Special Acc	81·3	86·6

WARBURG INVEST. MNGMT. (IOM) LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
64·6	55·1	Merc. Isle of Man Fd	60·1	64·0
46·4	39·4	Merc Intnl Bnd Fnd	42·1	44·1

WARDLEY UNIT TST. MANAGERS LTD.
7 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4HN 01-626 4411

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
81·3	54·4	Japan Grth	75·6	81·3
80·6	50·8	American	73·9	79·5
61·6	42·4	Natural Resources	54·2	57·7
79·0	44·7	Far East & Gen.	74·2	79·0
65·8	44·0	Income	58·4	62·8
104·6	70·4	U.K.	95·0	101·1
118·4	82·6	Small Companies	107·5	115·6
43·9	30·4	Technology	40·7	45·1
45·0	33·5	Australia	40·2	43·5
25·2	25·0	European Growth	24·6	26·2

WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.
13 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031-225 1551

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
25·8	18·0	Australian Gold Fd	17·5	18·7
29·5	22·2	Pacific Bas. En Fd	21·2	22·6

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS.
2, Honey Lane, London, EC2V 8BT. 01-606 9085

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55·3	51·4	Short Dated Gilt Fd	54·2	55·1

ANTHONY WIELER UNIT TST. MNGMT. LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
87·8	50·6	Growth Fd	80·3	87·0
92·0	68·0	Growth Acc	84·4	90·8

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Abbey Life House, 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth, BH8 8AL

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
251·5	224·5	Prop. Ser. 1	214·4	225·7
87·8	64·0	Equity Ser. 1	81·2	85·5
293·6	238·6	Prop. Acc. Ser. 2	278·0	292·7
90·9	71·2	Equity Acc. Ser. 2	84·0	88·5
217·9	188·5	Selective Acc	205·3	216·2
206·5	192·3	Money Series 3	195·9	206·3
221·4	207·4	Conv. Acc. 3	210·3	221·4
230·5	226·5	Prop. Ser. 4	218·3	229·8
96·7	77·9	Equity Ser. 4	89·3	94·0
172·2	152·8	Fixed Int. Ser. 4	157·7	166·0
117·4	101·1	Indexed Inv. Ser. 4	111·4	117·3
255·1	170·5	American Ser. 4	241·1	253·8
229·4	173·2	High Inc. Ser. 4	214·9	226·3
217·7	114·9	Japan Ser. 4	206·8	217·7
313·7	238·7	Man. Ser. 4	297·1	313·4
185·9	174·8	Money Ser. 4	176·6	185·9
188·1	173·8	Convertible Ser. 4	176·7	186·1
162·7	159·1	Property S. 4 Cap	151·1	159·1
66·8	55·6	Equity Ser. 4 Cap	61·7	65·0
218·2	186·0	Managed S. 4 Cap	207·2	218·2
129·5	127·7	Money Ser. 4 Cap	123·0	129·5
161·4	145·6	Fixed Int. Ser. 4 Cap	146·5	154·3
105·7	92·5	Indexed Inv. S. 4 Cap	99·6	104·9
236·6	164·9	American Ser. 4 Cap	223·6	235·4
211·1	168·7	High Inc. Ser. 4 Cap	199·4	209·9
201·6	137·8	Japan Ser. 4 Cap	191·5	201·6
Pension Funds				
366·1	346·9	Property	347·6	365·4
587·3	459·2	Equity	546·5	574·1
225·3	194·4	Selective	212·5	223·7
508·6	414·5	Managed	482·4	507·8
332·1	272·2	Security	286·9	302·1
175·3	155·9	Fixed Int	160·9	169·7
119·5	104·8	Indexed Inv	113·2	119·2
203·4	134·3	American	192·7	202·9
211·1	151·5	Japan	198·9	209·4
215·9	212·5	Property Cap	201·4	212·0
344·5	256·0	Equity Cap	320·5	337·4
296·9	251·0	Managed Cap	281·0	295·8
173·1	167·8	Security Cap	164·7	173·3
126·3	123·5	Fixed Int. Cap	122·6	129·1
101·7	91·5	Indexed Inv. Cap	95·0	100·1
182·0	127·1	American Cap	172·4	181·5
188·6	132·9	Japan Cap	177·9	187·3
65·8	55·6	Moneywise Frdly Soc	61·2	65·2

ALBANY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station House, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts 0707-52311

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
599·8	442·1	Life Equity	555·5	585·7
289·8	240·6	Life Fixed Int	245·6	258·7
163·7	141·0	Life Int. Fixed Int	154·2	162·5
184·1	128·4	Life Japanese	173·5	182·6
159·9	111·3	Life Nth. American	151·9	159·9
199·9	179·5	Life Property	189·9	199·9
277·3	210·6	Life Int. Managed	282·5	297·3
445·9	348·1	Life Multiple	423·6	445·9
916·2	648·7	Pension Equity	870·4	916·2
396·0	261·7	Pens. Int. Managed	376·3	396·0
742·4	588·5	Pension Multiple	705·4	742·4
154·2	101·0	Life Eur'pean	126·5	133·1
191·7	180·7	Lifeguarant'd money	182·1	191·7
162·4	101·6	Pension European	135·8	141·1
434·4	418·2	Pension Fixed Intl	438·0	462·0
294·5	266·7	Pen. Guarant'd Money	279·7	294·5
178·5	116·4	Pension Nth America	167·8	176·5
208·2	135·3	Pension Japanese	195·8	207·1
284·1	265·6	Pension Property	269·9	284·1

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES (C.I.)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
85·2	75·9	Government Sec. Tst	72·5	76·8

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOC.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
108·9	105·3	Gold Plan cap	100·1	105·4
109·1	105·3	Gold Plan acc	100·6	105·9

BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
252, Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 01-534 5544

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
298·1	235·6	Barclaybond	283·1	298·1
350·2	255·9	Equity Acc	319·0	335·8
311·4	230·2	Equity Init	294·0	309·5
189·7	163·9	Gilt-Edged Acc	176·7	186·0
177·4	155·2	Gilt-Edged Init	164·3	173·0
231·9	158·6	International Acc	220·2	231·8
224·7	160·1	International Init	203·5	214·1
254·5	231·5	Managed Acc	241·7	254·5
235·0	180·4	Managed Init	223·3	235·0
218·6	184·6	Property Acc	203·1	215·8
199·3	184·3	Property Init	189·3	199·3
117·3	98·6	Equity Pen. Acc	106·4	112·0
115·1	96·3	Eq. Pen. Intl (ser. 2)	104·3	109·9
253·5	213·7	Gilt-Edged Pen. Acc	234·6	247·0
193·5	165·5	Gilt-Edged Pen. Init (S 1)	177·7	187·2
105·1	99·6	Gilt-Edged Pen Init (S 2)	95·8	101·0

BRITANNIC UNIT LINKED ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
177·0	136·8	Managed Fund	167·7	176·5
113·0	107·2	Property Fund	106·0	111·6

CANNON ASSURANCE LTD
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
159·70	132·25	Equity Unit	—	146·80
629·8	527·0	Equity Acc	—	678·0
438·2	339·3	Managed Acc	—	438·2
£19·60	£17·32	Property Unit	—	£19·09
129·27	124·81	Bal. Bond Exe. Unit	127·53	139·13
133·64	126·55	Equity Bond Exec	131·25	133·07
526·35	524·01	Prop. Bond Exec	524·90	526·35
241·1	168·1	Sec. America Acc	233·6	236·6
258·2	219·3	Sec. Equity Acc	240·8	254·8
135·1	100·0	Sec. Far East Acc	125·3	132·6
165·0	148·5	Sec. Gilt Acc	150·9	158·7
175·0	152·2	Sec. Int. Money Acc	164·6	174·2
207·6	158·5	Sec. Managed Acc	198·1	209·6
198·6	182·0	Sec. Property Acc	187·6	198·6
393·5	293·4	Sec. Am. Pens. Acc	339·0	358·7
388·8	292·4	Sec. Eq. Pens. Acc	357·8	378·6
139·6	101·0	Sec. F. East Pens Acc	129·3	136·8
228·8	196·0	Sec. Gilt Pens. Acc	203·5	215·3
229·1	165·5	Sec. Int. Mon. P. Acc	214·1	226·5
286·8	223·1	Sec. Man. Pens. Acc	268·7	284·3
265·1	235·4	Sec. Prop. Pens. Acc	250·5	265·1
94·5	78·0	L.&E.S.I.F.	88·5	94·0
62·5	53·9	L.&E.S.I.S.(2)	56·5	62·0
219·2	167·0	Sec. High Inc. Acc	205·7	218·7
240·3	177·4	Sec. HighInc.Pen.Acc	226·7	239·9

CITY OF EDINBURGH LIFE ASSURANCE
46, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh 031-225 1655

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
128·0	100·0	Ivory & Sime Bond	121·0	128·0

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH (0272) 290566

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Assurance Funds				
109·5	100·0	Mixed	103·8	109·3
114·5	100·0	Equity	106·3	111·9
101·2	100·0	Property	95·1	100·2
102·7	97·0	Gilt & Fixed Int	95·1	100·2
103·1	97·5	Indexed Secs	97·9	103·1
101·9	100·0	Cash	96·8	101·9
117·2	92·7	North American	110·6	116·5
107·6	95·9	Far East	101·7	107·1
113·8	97·2	International	107·4	113·1
113·6	99·5	Special Sits	105·7	111·3
116·4	99·7	International Inco'e	110·0	115·8
120·4	98·2	American Income	113·3	119·3
Flexible Retirement Plan Funds				
111·5	100·0	Mixed	105·8	111·4
115·3	100·0	Equity	104·6	110·2
103·5	100·0	Property	97·5	102·7
110·0	98·7	Gilt & Fixed Int	95·3	100·6
104·7	99·0	Index Linked	99·4	104·7
105·2	100·0	Cash	97·7	102·9
119·9	92·5	North American	113·3	119·3
110·1	95·7	Far East	104·0	109·5
114·1	96·1	International	107·8	113·5
117·0	99·8	Special Sits	109·6	115·4
E.I.P.P. Funds				
173·7	128·6	UK Equity	159·0	167·4
186·5	127·8	Overseas	177·1	186·5
156·6	123·0	Mixed	147·1	154·9
137·4	98·6	Stock Exchange	119·8	126·2
119·8	108·6	Property	112·8	118·8
127·8	110·9	Fixed Interest	117·4	123·6
108·0	92·4	Index Linked	102·7	108·2
122·2	111·0	Cash	116·0	122·2
123·5	95·5	North American	117·3	123·5
114·3	97·6	Far East	108·5	114·3
114·7	98·1	Special Sits	108·9	114·7

COMMERCIAL UNION GROUP
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. 01-283 7500

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
188·6	146·5	Prime Life Mngd	179·1	188·6
205·18	151·35	Variable An-Acc Un.	—	204·51
43·74	33·10	Variable An-An Un.	—	43·53
193·6	138·3	Prime Life UK Eqty	184·4	189·9
173·0	130·6	Prime Life Intl Eqty	163·0	171·6
121·2	89·4	Prime Inv. Tsts	115·0	121·1
123·2	110·8	Prime Life Fix. Int.	116·9	122·1
103·6	87·7	Prime Life In. Ld. Gilt	98·4	103·6
119·3	106·7	Prime Life Property	113·3	119·3
113·3	105·3	Prime Life Cash	107·6	113·3
166·1	100·0	Prime Pens. Mngd	157·7	166·1
161·5	100·0	Prime Pens. UK Eqty	151·5	159·5
155·2	98·0	Prime Pens. IntnlEq	144·8	152·5
176·3	89·7	PrimePens. Inv. Tsts	119·7	126·0
114·5	96·4	PrimePens. Fix. Int.	105·5	111·1
109·3	89·7	PrimePenInLnkdGilt	103·8	109·3
115·9	100·0	Prime Pens. Property	108·2	113·9
124·1	100·0	Prime Pens. Cash	106·3	111·9

CONFEDERATION LIFE INS. CO.
52, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
487·1	396·1	Managed Fd	462·8	487·1
550·0	412·3	Equity Fd	518·2	545·4
277·7	221·0	PersonalPenMngdFd	263·9	277·7
277·7	211·0	StandardMngdPnFd	263·9	277·7
162·4	150·6	Fixed Int. Fd	154·1	162·4
119·5	114·5	Property Fd	113·6	119·5
169·5	143·3	Intnl. Fd	160·1	169·5
112·0	100·0	Index Linked Fd	106·3	111·8
121·0	118·1	Cash Deposit Fd	115·0	121·0
£13·29	[illegible]	P.I.P. Fd	£13·28	£13·28

CORNHILL INSURANCE PLC

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
425·0	354·0	Managed Fd	403·0	424·5
193·5	152·5	Equity Fd	183·0	193·0
135·0	100·0	FarEastern Equity Fd	128·0	135·0
131·5	99·0	Nth.Amer.Equity Fd	123·5	130·0
125·5	99·0	Intnl. Tech. Fd	119·0	125·5
145·0	133·5	Fixed Interest Fd	135·5	145·0
109·0	100·0	Property Fd	101·0	106·5
133·0	121·5	Money Fd	126·0	133·0

CRITERION ASSURANCE GROUP
Swan Court, Petersfield, Hants 0730-63281

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
125·0	100·0	Criterion Man Fd	118·8	125·0
40·3	31·6	Pension Man Cap	38·3	40·3
45·0	31·6	Pension Man Acc	40·2	42·4
—	—	Pen Gnteed Dep Cap	—	—
30·4	27·4	Pen Gnteed Dep Acc	28·9	30·4

CROWN LIFE
Crown Life House, Woking, GU21 1XW 04862 5033

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Life Funds				
257·0	211·3	Managed Acc	244·2	257·0
201·5	178·8	Fixed Int Acc	186·1	195·8
290·1	214·7	Equity Acc	269·9	284·1
163·5	150·0	Money Acc	155·2	163·2
319·9	243·9	Inv Tst Acc	303·4	319·3
277·7	196·8	Intl Acc	258·2	271·7
242·5	183·6	High Inc Acc	225·8	237·6
165·1	149·8	Property Acc	159·6	168·0
Individual Pension Fds				
217·4	169·5	Managed Acc	206·6	217·4
186·6	161·2	Fixed Int. Acc	172·9	182·0
295·0	206·5	Equity Acc	274·1	288·5
149·5	135·4	Money Acc	142·1	149·5
Group Pension Funds				
291·1	226·2	Mixed	261·0	291·1
194·5	167·5	Fixed Int	151·9	159·7
298·8	209·3	Equity	284·1	291·4
186·1	161·8	Money	182·4	182·4

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE MIDLAND ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
173·4	123·8	Eagle Midland Units	126·7	131·8

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
4, Coleman Street, London EC2R 5AP 01-606 6611

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
113·8	100·0	Far Eastern	108·1	113·8
113·9	109·0	Fund of Inv. Tsts	107·2	113·6
100·5	98·1	Gilt & Fixed Int	95·5	100·5
109·7	100·0	High Income	103·9	109·4
106·1	100·0	Managed	100·8	106·1
101·6	100·0	Money	96·5	101·6
120·1	100·0	North American	114·1	120·1
109·0	99·4	Pelican	103·0	108·4
101·6	100·0	Property	96·5	101·6
110·1	100·0	Special Sits	103·7	109·2
Pension Funds				
118·0	100·0	Pens. Far Eastern	112·1	118·0
117·9	100·0	Pens. Fund of Inv. Ts	111·6	117·5
100·9	97·5	Pens. Gilt & Fix Int	95·9	100·9
112·4	100·0	Pens. High Income	106·2	111·8
108·6	100·0	Pens. Mngd	103·2	108·6
102·7	100·0	Pens. Money	97·6	102·7
126·4	100·0	Pens. Nth American	120·0	126·4
111·2	99·2	Pens. Pelican	104·8	110·3
102·0	100·0	Pens Property	96·9	102·0
112·8	100·0	Pens special sits	105·8	111·4

EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY PLC
Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Life Funds				
354·7	278·6	UK Equities Fd	326·7	343·8
297·3	209·6	Higher Income Fd	279·1	293·8
254·5	222·7	Property Fd	232·2	244·5
213·0	190·3	Fixed Interest Fd	197·6	208·0
111·0	95·1	Index Linked secs F	105·5	111·0
165·5	155·6	Guaranteed Dep. Fd	157·3	165·5
273·8	180·4	North America Fd	259·0	272·6
198·6	143·5	Far East Fd	188·7	198·6
137·8	105·2	Europe Fd	129·8	136·6
236·4	170·4	International Fd	223·6	235·3
291·1	242·5	Mixed Fd	276·6	291·1
Ind. Pen. Funds Series 2: Series 1 on request				
399·8	286·8	Equity Fund	369·2	388·6
221·8	244·1	Fixed Interest Fund	210·8	221·8
131·3	124·4	Ind. Linked Sec. Fd	124·8	131·3
191·9	190·0	Property Fund	182·4	191·9
416·3	279·5	Overseas Fund	390·7	411·2
164·6	162·2	Cash Fund	175·6	184·8
293·0	285·5	Balanced Fund	277·9	292·5
101·1	100·0	Dep. Admin Fd ser. 2	96·1	101·1
193·4	168·8	Dep. Admin Fd Ser. 1	182·8	193·4

FRAMLINGTON LIFE INSURANCE LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
54·0	50·0	Pension Managed Fd	51·0	54·0
50·1	50·0	Pension Cash Fd	50·1	50·1

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
110·7	100·0	Cash Accum	105·1	110·7
149·0	112·3	UK Equity Accum	127·8	134·1
150·5	95·5	Stewardship Accum	118·2	124·4
114·9	101·2	Fixed Interest Acc	105·9	111·5
105·6	89·1	Index Linked Accum	100·1	105·4
139·4	106·5	Mixed Accum	122·9	129·4
136·7	105·3	Overseas Equity Acc	129·8	136·7
119·1	105·3	Property Accum	113·1	119·1
117·4	100·0	Pen. Cash Accum	111·7	117·6
148·7	100·0	Pen. U.K. Equity Acc	138·6	145·9
126·7	97·4	Pen. StewardshipAcc	118·8	125·1
121·5	100·0	Pen. FixedIntAccum	112·0	117·9
106·2	100·0	Pen. I. L. Accum	100·8	106·2
133·0	100·0	Pen. Mixed Accum	125·9	132·6
156·2	100·0	Pen. OverseasAccum	147·9	155·7
110·6	100·0	Pen. PropertyAccum	104·9	110·5

GRE LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
154·9	144·8	Deposit Acc	147·2	154·9
432·6	315·8	Equity Acc	382·1	402·2
244·8	216·9	Fixed Interest Acc	227·8	239·8
108·3	93·2	Index-Linkd GiltAc	102·8	108·2
331·0	238·2	International Acc	331·8	349·2
321·2	219·7	Managed Initial	259·8	272·6
321·9	230·0	Managed Acc	296·6	312·2
146·7	96·4	North Amer. Acc	138·5	145·8
145·9	100·0	Pacific Acc	138·1	145·4
149·4	145·4	Property Acc	141·9	149·4

G.T. MANAGEMENT (U.K.) LIMITED LONDON AGENTS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
$8·87	$7·57	Anchor Internation.	$8·49	$8·50

GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE ASSURANCE

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
100·0	100·0	Managed	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	U.K. Equity	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Fixed Interest	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Index-Linked	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Cash Deposit	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Property	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	International	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	American	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Japan	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Japan Smaller Co's	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Man Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen UK Equity Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Fixed Int Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Ind-Linked Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Cash Dep Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Prop Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Inter Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen American Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Japan Acc	95·0	100·0
100·0	100·0	Pen Jap Sml Co's Acc	95·0	100·0

GRESHAM UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202-767655

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
356·9	288·8	Managed Fund	338·2	356·2
175·0	164·9	Money Fund	166·8	175·4
339·7	235·2	Equity Fund	313·0	329·7
133·3	117·3	Fixed Interest Fund	123·5	130·1
196·9	184·8	Property Fund	186·9	196·9
338·2	271·9	Managed Pension Fd	318·0	335·0
228·1	173·6	Equity Pension Fund	215·0	226·5
188·4	172·4	Fixed Int.Pension Fund	178·8	188·3
148·3	136·2	Property Pension Fd	140·7	148·3

GRESHAM/FRAMLINGTON FUNDS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
308·3	224·8	American&Genrl.Fd	286·0	301·4
281·4	212·9	Income Fund	263·9	278·1
331·7	254·3	International.GrthFd	298·1	314·1
308·3	216·7	Capital Fund	292·6	308·3
209·9	158·0	Recovery Fund	196·8	207·4
128·3	99·0	Japan & General Fd	121·8	128·3

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE PLC
Allied Hambro Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 28291

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
210·6	197·1	Fixed Int. Dep. Acc	200·0	210·6
538·9	417·6	Equity Acc	507·3	533·9
316·7	289·2	Property Acc	300·8	316·7
117·1	100·0	Far East Acc	110·9	116·8
445·9	378·4	Managed Acc	419·5	441·6
356·5	271·9	O'seas Earnings Acc	334·0	351·6
240·3	217·6	Gilt Edged Acc	222·4	234·2
342·8	268·0	American Equity Acc	321·1	338·0
173·9	125·0	American Man. Acc	163·5	171·9
123·1	107·0	American Prop. Acc	115·1	121·5
229·6	214·7	Pen. F.I. Dep. Cap	218·1	229·6
339·5	303·9	Pen. F.I. Dep. Acc	321·5	338·5
389·0	366·3	Pen. Prop. Cap	369·5	389·0
632·9	572·3	Pen. Prop. Acc	601·2	632·9
550·8	446·7	Pen. Man. Cap	518·1	545·4
895·0	711·8	Pen. Man. Acc	843·0	887·4
255·8	225·9	Pen. Gilt Cap	230·4	242·6
334·1	294·1	Pen. Gilt Acc	306·4	322·6
860·5	658·8	Pen. Eq. Cap	805·0	847·4
£10·60	771·7	Pen. Eq. Acc	992·9	£10·45
147·1	93·7	Pen. Am. Eq. Cap	139·7	147·1
152·9	94·2	Pen. Am. Eq. Acc	145·2	152·9
137·2	93·2	Pen. Far East Cap	125·4	132·0
137·2	95·0	Pen. Far East Acc	130·3	137·2
236·6	215·7	Pen. B.S. Cap	225·3	236·6
339·6	297·3	Pen. B.S. Acc	323·4	339·6
181·9	166·9	Pen. DAF Cap	161·9	181·9
235·5	204·9	Pen DAF Acc	232·5	235·5
107·8	100·0	Pen. Mortgage Cap	102·4	107·8
113·1	100·3	Pen. Mortgage Acc	106·4	112·1

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY
129 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NF 01-404 0393

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
52·1	51·5	Property Fund	48·7	52·0
153·1	137·0	Managed Fund	144·8	153·1
119·4	117·0	Pens Managed Fund	113·8	119·4

HENDERSON UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
26 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
201·1	149·7	Cap. Growth. Fd	187·9	197·8
264·2	185·1	Far East Fd	250·8	264·2
296·0	197·9	Nth. Am. Fd	279·0	293·7
231·8	181·7	Special Sits Fd	220·2	231·8
148·3	125·9	Prime Res. Prop. Fd	134·0	141·0
244·0	187·9	Managed Fd	231·8	244·0
202·8	148·2	High Inc Fd	191·1	201·4
206·1	156·1	Tech. Fd	191·1	201·2
102·6	92·4	Gilt Edged Fd	90·6	95·6
133·4	124·9	Deposit Fd	125·7	133·4
139·6	104·1	Natural Res. Fd	130·5	137·4
116·4	97·9	Man. Currency Fd	108·6	114·4
130·6	92·2	Global HealthcareFd	124·0	130·6
129·5	117·4	Prop. Fd	123·0	129·5

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE
NLA Tower, 12-16, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 2DR. 01-686 4355

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
201·5	155·1	Security Fd	188·3	198·3
179·7	154·5	British Fd	181·6	191·4
225·8	177·8	International Fd	214·3	226·3
198·8	152·2	Dollar Fd	187·2	197·1
172·2	156·6	Capital Fd	149·4	157·2
222·1	169·5	Income Fd	210·3	221·4
209·9	186·0	Property Fd. Ser. A	189·9	199·9
178·8	156·2	Financial Fd	166·6	175·3
227·1	190·8	Managed Fd. Ser. A	214·9	226·3
309·7	165·4	High Yield Fd	197·2	207·6
162·0	152·0	Money Fd. Ser. A	153·9	162·0
256·2	193·6	Equity Fd	234·0	246·4
185·8	167·1	Fix. Int. Fd	171·6	180·7
113·8	99·2	Index Sec. Fd	104·6	110·2
123·6	117·5	European Fd	109·4	115·2
133·6	123·8	Nat. Res. Fd	108·3	113·9
252·2	214·7	Far East Fd	237·5	250·2
191·8	143·9	Smaller Co's Fd	185·0	194·8
207·4	175·6	Spec. Sits. Fd	195·1	205·7
133·5	123·7	Man. Curr. Fd	126·0	134·6
127·4	99·0	Jap. Tech. Fd	122·9	129·4
109·2	100·0	Pen Prop Ser A	103·7	109·2
106·8	100·0	Pen Prop Ser C	101·4	106·8
120·9	98·3	Pen Man Ser A	114·8	120·9
118·5	97·9	Pen Man Ser C	112·5	118·5
106·7	100·0	Pen G'teed Ser A	101·3	106·7
104·2	100·0	Pen G'teed Ser C	98·9	104·2
129·4	97·6	Pen Equity Ser A	122·9	129·4
125·3	97·4	Pen Equity Ser C	119·0	125·3
110·8	98·2	Pen Fix Int Ser A	105·2	110·8
109·1	97·8	Pen Fix Int Ser C	103·4	105·7
108·5	97·5	Pen Ind Secs Ser A	103·0	108·5
105·8	97·3	Pen Ind Secs Ser C	100·5	105·8
130·5	96·9	Pen Intern'l Ser A	123·7	130·2
126·8	96·8	Pen Intern'l Ser C	120·1	126·5
126·2	97·0	Pen Dollar Ser A	119·8	126·2
123·4	96·8	Pen Dollar Ser C	117·2	123·4
127·0	96·0	Pen European Ser A	119·4	125·7
121·6	95·9	Pen European Ser C	116·8	123·0
140·5	99·9	Pen Far East Ser A	133·4	140·5
134·7	98·8	Pen Far East Ser C	127·9	134·7
107·0	99·6	Pen Man Curr Ser A	103·6	109·1
107·0	99·4	Pen Man Curr Ser C	101·7	107·1
108·3	100·0	Pen Bldg Soc Ser A	102·8	108·3
105·7	100·0	Pen Bldg Soc Ser C	100·4	105·7

IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford 571255.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
212·8	[illegible]	Growth Fd	195·8	212·8
Unit-Linked Portfolio				
205·7	172·3	Managed Fd	191·5	204·7
203·2	177·6	Fixed Int Fd	185·9	195·7
160·2	151·0	Secure Cap Fd	152·2	160·2
343·0	248·3	Equity Fd	315·6	332·2
164·5	151·2	Property Fd	156·3	164·5
Pension Fd Portfolio				
214·7	173·4	Pens Mn Fd Series 1	197·5	214·7
207·0	167·6	Pens Mn Fd Series 2	197·5	[illegible]
207·9	167·6	Pens Mn Fd Series 3	197·5	207·9
101·8	100·0	Pens Property Fd	96·7	101·8
105·3	97·4	Pens Gilt-Edged Fd	95·6	100·9
105·7	99·1	Pens Ind-Link Fd	100·4	105·7
101·8	100·0	Pens Money Mkt Fd	96·7	101·8
104·4	100·0	Pens U.K. Equity Fd	100·1	105·4
111·6	100·0	Pens Intl Fd	106·4	112·0

IMPERIAL LIFE (UK) LTD
Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 517255.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Imperial Investment Portfolio				
118·9	100·1	Managed Fd	[illegible]	118·8
108·4	99·0	Gilt-Edged Fd	99·7	105·0
126·6	100·0	Property Fd	120·2	126·6
125·7	97·0	High Yield Fd	116·3	122·6
106·0	100·0	Money Mkt Fd	100·7	106·0
105·5	93·2	Ind-Link Gilt Fd	100·2	105·5
143·6	103·0	U.K. Equity Fd	132·0	138·9
130·4	96·1	Intl Equity Fd	123·3	129·8
129·3	94·8	Japan Fd	120·1	126·4
122·8	92·0	N.American Fd	116·6	122·8

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE PLC

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
240·3	189·3	Global Man	225·6	235·6
505·6	437·0	Managed	478·0	503·2

KLEINWORT BENSON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
20 Fenchurch St, London EC3. 01-623 8000.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Offshore Funds				
£18·60	£15·52	Ben Eurobond Fd	£17·96	£18·12
£21·25	£19·46	Ben Euro Acc Fd	£20·51	£20·70
£12·13	£10·82	Ben Gilt Fd	£11·30	£11·35
$22·93	$18·80	Ben Intl Fd	—	$22·71
$61·65	$45·01	Ben Jap Fd	—	$60·80
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pinechurch [illegible]	—	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Transatlantic Fd Inc	—	[illegible]
£15·55	£11·51	Ben Int F. Fd Cur	[illegible]	£15·10
£17·95	£16·32	Ben Ster Inc Acc Fd	£17·61	£17·85
166·2	133·9	Ben (Guernsey) Fd	150·5	164·5

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT ASSURANCE) LIMITED
2 Montefiore Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 1SL. 0273 724588.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
369·1	274·4	Equity Initial	[illegible]	354·5
465·5	356·6	Equity Accum	[illegible]	419·5
[illegible]	209·7	Fix. Int. Initial	215·0	226·1
291·2	263·3	Fix. Int. Accum	[illegible]	287·0
258·6	181·5	Intnl. Initial	[illegible]	239·6
299·1	221·1	Intnl. Accum	[illegible]	299·1
108·1	93·0	IndxLnkdGilt Initial	102·2	107·6
116·6	98·5	IndxLinkdGiltAcc	110·6	116·5
223·8	[illegible]	Managed Initial	[illegible]	[illegible]
359·0	295·3	Managed Accum	339·6	357·5
154·1	141·7	Property Initial	143·6	151·5
191·4	176·6	Property Accum	182·5	192·2
100·7	100·0	B.Soc.Linked Initial	95·6	100·7
101·2	100·0	B.Soc.Linked Accum	96·1	101·2
129·0	125·2	Cash Initial	[illegible]	[illegible]
163·2	157·4	Cash Accum	155·0	163·2

LEGAL & GENERAL (UNIT PENSIONS) LIMITED
Kingswood House, Kingswood, Surrey KT20 6EU. 07373 53456.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
553·5	392·7	Exempt Equity Init	492·3	518·3
673·6	486·5	Exempt Equity Acc	623·1	656·3
305·2	267·6	Exempt Fix Int Init	278·5	293·2
380·8	351·6	Exempt Fix Int Acc	352·7	371·3
167·8	126·9	Exempt Intnl Initial	159·4	167·8
190·7	141·0	Exempt Intnl Accum	181·1	190·7
411·2	336·2	Exempt Managed Init	389·3	409·8
519·3	416·4	Exempt Managed Acc	491·5	517·6
187·5	172·6	Exempt Property Init	[illegible]	187·1
256·9	210·4	Exempt Property Acc	[illegible]	256·9
109·5	93·7	ExmptIndLinkdGilt Init	103·6	109·1
118·2	96·1	ExmptIndLinkdGilt Acc	112·1	118·1
180·4	161·1	Exempt Cash Initial	171·0	180·1
227·9	205·7	Exempt Cash Accum	216·5	227·9
100·6	100·0	ExmptBSocLinkd Init	95·5	100·6
100·9	100·0	ExmptBSocLinkd Acc	95·8	100·9
151·2	100·0	Special Deposit Fd Init	143·4	151·0
147·3	100·0	Special Deposit Fd Acc	139·9	147·3

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Station Rd, New Barnet, Herts. EN5 1PA. 01-440 8210.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
28·8	24·6	Select Acc. 'A'	27·3	28·8
24·9	19·2	Blue Chip	22·1	23·3
20·8	18·8	Fixed Yield	19·6	20·7
16·8	15·8	Deposit	16·0	16·8
22·3	17·9	Managed	21·1	22·3
30·8	23·5	International	29·3	30·8
18·2	15·0	Property	17·2	18·2
24·1	17·3	Pacific	22·8	24·1
17·6	14·2	Equity	16·1	17·3
26·9	20·1	Special Sits	25·4	26·8
15·0	13·4	Intl Currency	14·2	15·0
12·0	10·8	I.L. Securities	11·2	11·6
25·7	16·7	American	24·2	25·5

LONDON A'DEEN & NTHN MTL ASSUR. LTD.
129, Kingsway, London. WC2B 6NF. 01-404 0393

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
85·0	69·5	"Asset Builder"	78·2	82·9

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
321·3	256·7	Equity	—	[illegible]
240·5	199·6	Mixed	—	[illegible]

M & G GROUP PLC
Three Quays, Tower Hill, London, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
205·3	120·7	American Bonds	190·1	200·7
257·8	174·7	American Rec Bonds	242·1	254·3
113·5	77·6	Amrcn Smllr Co's Bd	107·2	112·8
132·9	101·2	Australasian Bds	106·4	111·8
155·8	133·4	Commodity Bds	143·7	150·9
215·2	190·3	Deposit Bonds	198·4	208·8
185·0	150·0	Equity Bonds-Bons	173·5	184·4
414·3	325·6	Equity Bond-Acc	395·2	412·9
217·7	163·5	Extra Yield Bonds	205·7	216·1
147·7	110·8	Far Eastern Bonds	139·1	146·1
211·4	184·9	Gilt Bonds	193·9	203·7
125·2	86·8	Gold Bonds	90·8	95·5
174·9	132·4	High Yield Bonds	160·6	168·8
100·3	110·8	Index-Linked Bds	107·8	113·5
303·7	224·1	International Bonds	284·8	298·9
154·9	106·7	Japan Bonds	144·4	151·7
132·1	95·6	Japan Smllr Co's Bds	122·7	128·9
344·1	287·5	Managed Bonds	326·7	343·1
266·2	255·1	Property Bonds	253·4	266·1
188·3	143·1	Recovery Bonds	178·1	187·3
Pension Funds				
834·0	684·0	Personal Pen Fd	—	820·8
415·2	246·7	American	393·3	415·1
109·6	100·0	Building Soc	104·5	109·9
183·3	165·3	Deposit	173·5	183·3
388·7	243·7	Equity	308·3	318·6
260·1	223·9	Gilt	241·1	253·3
120·5	85·1	Gold	87·8	92·7
120·0	104·8	Index-Linked Gilt	114·2	120·0
116·8	92·3	International	110·2	115·6
139·5	92·8	Japan	130·3	136·6
293·4	234·1	Managed	277·5	292·5
254·5	182·2	PIP	228·1	243·8
362·9	246·8	Pacific	330·8	347·4
161·2	154·5	Property	153·5	161·2
123·0	94·9	Recovery	116·9	122·9

MGM ASSURANCE
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing, 0903-204631

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
151·7	113·9	U.K. Equity Acc	143·6	151·2
137·8	105·4	Special Sits Acc	129·1	135·9
166·9	101·6	Nth American Acc	155·1	163·3
206·6	145·5	Pacific Basin Acc	196·2	206·6
176·9	153·5	Fixed Int Acc	165·9	174·7
117·8	107·2	Property Acc	111·9	117·8
114·9	107·8	Deposit Acc	109·1	114·9
155·1	118·4	Managed Acc	146·6	154·4

MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO (U.K.)
St George's Way, Stevenage 0438-356101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
296·8	251·1	Managed	281·0	295·8
231·4	197·1	Property	219·8	231·4
319·3	234·9	Equity	295·9	311·5
306·5	268·6	Gilt Edged	283·5	298·4
175·7	161·0	Deposit	166·9	175·7
281·3	206·6	International	264·6	278·5
134·7	100·5	Investment	125·0	131·5
Pension Fund Prices				
302·8	170·2	Managed Init	—	302·2
326·8	165·1	Managed Acc	—	326·8
180·7	135·4	Property Init	—	180·9
203·0	145·7	Property Acc	—	203·0
233·4	167·7	Equity Init	—	229·9
280·6	180·2	Equity Acc	—	282·1
187·1	170·9	Gilt Edged Init	—	179·5
208·4	184·6	Gilt Edged Acc	—	201·4
126·5	117·2	Guaranteed Init	—	128·6
144·2	135·2	Guaranteed Acc	—	144·2
335·1	246·3	International Init	—	335·1
375·8	266·2	International Acc	—	375·8
121·5	111·3	Index Link Gilt Init	—	120·6
136·2	120·5	Index Link Gilt Acc	—	135·5

MERCHANT INVESTORS ASS. CO LTD
Leon House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR9 1LP. 01-686 9171

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
293·5	279·7	Property Life Fund	—	293·5
376·2	349·4	Property Pens	—	376·2
136·1	108·6	U.K. Equity Life	—	135·4
522·9	394·4	Equity Pens Fd	—	511·6
254·8	225·1	UK MonyMkt LifeFd	—	253·6
421·4	381·7	UK MoneyMkt PenFd	—	420·5
211·1	187·2	UK Managed Life Fd	—	215·1
364·3	301·7	UK Managed Pen Fd	—	360·7
140·0	108·6	N. American Life Fd	—	140·0
156·1	111·9	N. American Pen Fd	—	156·1
162·5	140·7	Far East Life	—	162·5
216·5	156·6	Far East Pen. Fund	—	216·5
239·8	154·8	Intl. Man Life Fund	—	239·8
308·6	236·4	Intl. Man Pens. Fund	—	308·6
259·8	208·2	IntlEquityLife Fund	—	259·8
361·4	269·0	Intl EquityPen Fund	—	361·4
153·6	158·3	IntlCurrencyLife Fd	—	151·6
160·3	153·7	Intl. CurrencyPenFd	—	160·9
303·3	190·9	Deposit Life Fund	—	303·3
294·0	264·6	Deposit PensionFund	—	294·0

MUNICIPAL LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
99/100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent 0622 679351

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
129·5	110·5	Acc. Mngd	122·5	129·5
120·0	113·0	Initial Mngd	113·5	120·0
131·5	105·0	Accum. Equity	122·0	129·8
125·0	109·5	Initial Equity	111·0	117·0
123·0	101·5	Acc. Intnl	116·5	123·0
119·0	107·0	Initial Intnl	112·5	119·0
103·5	99·5	Acc Property	97·5	103·5
103·0	98·5	Initial Property	97·5	103·0
114·0	105·5	Acc Munifund	104·5	110·5
115·0	105·0	Initial Munifund	103·0	109·0
112·0	96·0	Pens Acc Mngd	106·0	112·0
129·0	95·0	Pens2 Acc Equity	118·0	121·5
112·0	100·0	Acc Pens Acc Munifund	102·5	108·4

NEL PENSIONS LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
223·0	173·3	Nelex Equity Cap	210·9	222·0
375·7	290·3	Nelex Equity Acc	351·0	369·4

NPI PENSIONS MANAGEMENT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
576·4	465·1	Managed Fd	562·0	576·4

Prices at Jan. 2. Next dealing day March 1

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
48, Gracechurch St, London EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
212·1	173·8	Managed	202·1	212·8
245·1	176·9	UK Equity	230·4	242·6
229·5	164·8	Overseas Equity	218·0	229·5
232·7	159·3	Americas	221·0	232·7
198·8	151·0	Far East	188·8	198·8
119·0	112·9	Property	113·0	118·9
173·3	154·0	Fixed Int	160·3	168·8
116·1	98·7	Indexed Gilt	110·2	116·1
121·0	113·5	Deposit	114·9	121·0
Pension Fund Prices				
214·0	167·4	Mnged Initial	203·3	214·0
259·1	180·0	Mngd Acc	247·1	259·1
230·7	164·0	UK Equity Initial	215·1	224·4
253·3	173·9	UK Equity Acc	235·0	237·4
251·7	186·6	Overseas Eq. Initial	239·1	251·7
281·1	210·9	Overseas Eq. Acc	276·5	291·1
271·6	176·0	Americas Initial	257·6	271·1
300·4	187·4	Americas Acc	285·2	300·4
258·2	194·4	Far East Initial	245·3	258·2
286·7	211·2	Far East Acc	272·3	286·7
114·3	108·9	Property Initial	108·5	114·3
126·5	115·9	Property Acc	120·1	126·5
155·3	135·7	Fixed Int Initial	144·1	151·7
170·0	146·8	Fixed Int Acc	159·0	167·4
108·7	93·6	Indexed Gilt Initial	103·2	108·7
120·5	101·6	Indexed Gilt Acc	114·4	120·5
119·8	112·1	Deposit Initial	113·1	119·8
133·2	119·6	Deposit Acc	126·5	133·2

NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE
5 Bow Churchyard, off Cheapside, London EC4M 9DH 01-236 1566

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
156·3	111·8	Managed Fd	127·3	134·0
155·6	114·5	UK Equity Fd	142·3	149·8
117·3	103·5	Fixed Interest Fd	107·3	113·0
135·1	107·1	Pacific	128·2	135·0
95·8	80·7	North America	91·0	95·8
177·5	116·8	Pension Managed	150·2	167·6
165·1	117·1	Pensions UK Equity	150·8	158·8
202·5	134·8	Pens Overseas Eqty	192·3	202·5
118·5	107·4	Pensions Property	112·5	118·5
123·6	101·2	Pens Fixed Interest	113·5	119·5
103·3	95·8	Pensions Index Link	97·4	102·6
119·0	107·0	Pensions Deposit	113·0	119·0

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
554·7	477·8	Managed Fund	523·4	550·9
£10·40	795·8	Equity Fund	971·9	£10·23
282·9	256·2	Property Fund	268·8	282·9
317·2	271·1	Fixed Interest Fund	282·6	297·4
125·2	115·8	Deposit Fund	156·0	165·2
Pensions Sector				
195·6	175·2	Fixed Interest Fund	185·4	195·1
104·4	100·0	International Fund	98·9	104·1
286·6	216·1	UK Ordinary Share Fd	262·1	275·8
140·9	125·4	Property Fund	133·9	140·9
156·9	121·2	Deposit Fund	150·1	156·9
130·2	111·0	Index-Linked sec. Fd	123·7	130·2
422·9	184·8	Mixed Fund	209·0	220·0

PHOENIX ASSURANCE GROUP
Phoenix House, Redcliff Hill, Bristol BS1 6SQ. 0272 294041

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Life Assurance Funds				
300·3	244·2	Wealth Ass	282·6	297·6
Pension Plan Funds — Phoenix				
101·1	98·9	UK Equity Acc	96·1	100·1
104·0	98·1	International Acc	97·9	103·0
100·3	100·0	Property Acc	95·3	100·3
101·3	98·8	Fixed Interest Acc	95·7	100·7
100·8	100·0	Money Acc	95·8	100·8
100·8	100·0	Build. Soc. Link Acc	95·9	100·9
101·0	99·4	Special Mngd. Acc	95·8	100·8
Phoenix/Framlington				
103·6	99·3	Intnl. Grth. Acc	96·9	101·9
105·5	97·4	American&Gen Acc	96·7	101·7
103·1	100·0	Capital Tst. Acc	98·1	103·3
105·5	97·1	Japan & Gen Acc	98·9	104·1
106·2	99·6	American Turn. Acc	97·5	102·6
105·1	100·0	Recovery Tst. Acc	98·4	103·6
103·1	98·9	Special Mngd. Acc	97·1	102·2
Phoenix/GT				
104·0	98·9	International Acc	98·8	104·0
106·2	99·1	US & General Acc	100·2	105·4
107·3	99·4	Technol. & Grth. Acc	98·8	104·0
105·4	96·6	Japan & General Acc	99·0	104·2
133·8	97·1	Far East & Gen. Acc	98·5	103·4
100·9	98·3	UK Capital Acc	94·1	99·0
105·3	100·0	European Acc	97·2	102·3
102·0	93·5	Special Mngd. Acc	96·9	102·0

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Cumberland House, Baxter Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 6HQ 0702 333433

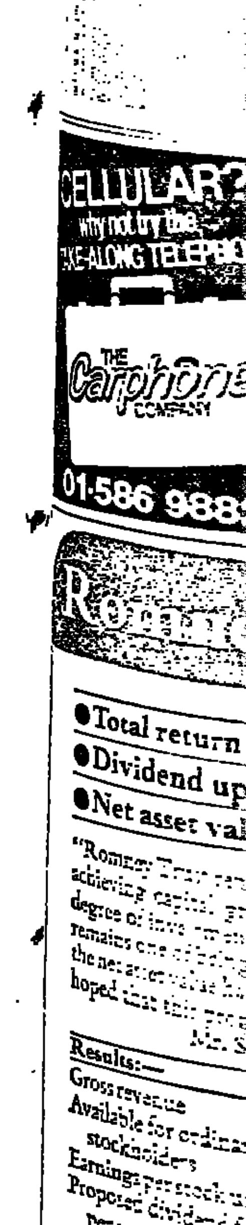
High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
267·5	224·2	Flex. Mon Bnd Fnd	267·5	—
110·6	105·0	Int Man Cur Bnd F	110·6	—

POPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Leon House, Croydon, CR9 1LU 01-680 0606

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
294·5	286·9	Property Fund	288·6	—
285·5	272·2	Property Fund Acc	280·6	—
£11·63	£11·22	Agricultural Fund	11·63	—
£11·29	£10·95	Agric. Fund Acc	11·28	—
356·6	320·5	Abbey Nat. Fund	338·6	—
257·0	229·5	Abbey Nat. Fd Acc	257·0	—
161·0	[illegible]	Investment Fund	161·0	—
157·3	131·5	Investment Fd. Acc	157·4	—
556·5	404·7	Equity Fund	553·8	—
545·3	399·5	Equity Fund Acc	521·8	—
239·1	219·0	Money Fund	239·1	—
234·0	215·0	Money Fund Acc	234·0	—
259·5	216·4	Actuarial Fund	256·5	—
306·9	185·4	Gilt-Edged Fund	200·9	—
306·9	125·9	Gilt Edged Fd Acc	300·9	—
305·1	357·4	Retire Annuity	305·1	—
195·0	183·0	Immediate Ann'ty	196·0	—
512·6	237·3	International Fund	311·5	—
511·6	237·0	Interna. Fd Acc	311·5	—
117·2	105·8	Bld. Soc Life Fd	117·8	—
Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.				
337·5	265·5	All W'thr. Acc Uts	314·1	330·6
357·0	278·4	Inv. Fd. Uts	343·4	—
290·0	256·3	Pension Fd. Uts	290·0	—
349·2	297·6	Conv. Pns. Fd	349·2	—
249·5	221·6	Cnv. Pns. Cap. Ut	248·5	—
425·5	355·5	Man. Pens. Fd	417·7	—
315·0	256·3	Man. Pens. Cap. Ut	309·9	—
323·1	281·4	Prop. Pens. Fd	320·1	—
231·0	214·6	Prop. Pens. Cap. Ut	231·0	—
239·6	258·5	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Ut	239·6	—
219·6	197·7	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Ut	219·6	—
184·6	167·4	Gilt Pens. Fd	185·1	—
159·4	142·5	Gilt Pens. Fd. Cap	154·3	—
360·0	255·2	Equity Pens. Fd	340·9	—
295·3	216·1	Equity Pens. Fd. Cap	284·3	—
125·7	91·2	Intl Pens Fd	125·7	—
120·5	92·2	Intl. Pens. Fd Cap	120·5	—

PROVIDENCE CAPITAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	128·5	136·8
107·1	[illegible]	Fixed Interest	94·8	100·1
102·1	[illegible]	International	94·4	99·6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Managed	106·5	112·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Property	133·2	140·8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Special Market	82·5	86·8



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UNIT TRUST PRICES

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD
246 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QP 01-247 3200

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
609-0	599-0	Unit	579·5	606·3
127-0	104-0	Equity	116·9	122·7
116-0	102-0	Fixed Interest	107·4	112·8
110-3	100-0	Property	105·0	110·5
117-4	101-8	Index-linked	105·0	109·6
109-4	105-0	Deposit	111·8	117·7
127-0	104-0	Pens on Mixed Ord.	118·4	124·3

For other prices Tel: 01 247 3200

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 73900

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
170-8	139-6	Managed Ord	161·5	170·0
157-3	128-3	Managed Init	149·3	157·2
208-7	153-1	Equity Ord	195·4	205·6
195-4	146-8	Equity Init	181·5	191·3
112-1	97-8	Index Lnk Gilt Ord	106·5	112·1
108-2	96-1	Index Lnk Gilt Init	102·8	108·2
188-2	145-4	O'seas Equity Ord	178·8	188·2
179-0	147-1	O'seas Equity Init	165·5	174·0
121-8	110-6	Property Ord	115·7	121·8
113-5	105-2	Property Init	106·9	112·5
127-9	118-3	Fixed Interest Ord	118·1	124·3
139-1	105-9	Fixed Interest Init	109·1	114·8
124-6	107-6	Deposit Ord	109·1	114·8
106-1	103-2	Deposit Init	100·8	106·1
184-4	146-8	Pen Managed Ord	175·2	184·4
170-3	140-3	Pen Managed Init	161·9	167·4
231-8	182-8	Pen Equity Ord	216·5	227·9
214-7	158-3	Pen Equity Init	200·1	210·6
114-9	98-8	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Ord	109·2	114·9
110-6	95-7	Pen Ind Lkd Gilt Init	104·8	110·6
203-4	152-4	Pen O'seas Eqty Ord	185·4	195·2
187-9	145-7	Pen O'seas Eqty Init	178·5	187·9
129-1	114-5	Pen Property Ord	122·6	129·1
119-3	109-8	Pen Property Init	113·3	119·3
151-9	114-1	Pen Fixed Int Ord	121·3	127·7
122-8	107-6	Pen Fixed Int Init	112·1	118·0
125-7	112-7	Pen Deposit Ord	119·4	125·7
116-2	108-5	Pen Deposit Init	110·4	116·2

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4BE 0539 23415

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
368-0	290-1	Managed Fund	348·2	367·0
404-8	300-8	Equity Fund	381·6	402·1
221-1	156-8	High Income Fund	207·2	218·4
214-8	155-4	International Fund	202·5	213·4
287-3	205-9	Special Sits Fund	270·8	285·4
212-4	185-3	Fixed Interest Fd	195·4	206·0
265-7	209-0	Technology Fund	247·9	263·8
257-0	180-8	Nth American Fund	240·6	253·6
249-3	194-1	Far Eastern Fund	230·0	244·7
121-9	100-0	Extra Income Fd	113·7	120·9
299-9	222-9	Man Pension Acc Fd	275·5	290·0

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
148-6	119-0	Prufund Man. Fd.	142·6	148·6

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
193-9	147-9	Prulink Man. Fd.	186·1	193·9
133-7	116-5	Prulink Cash Fd	128·3	133·7

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
182-0	150-2	Managed Fd	171·0	180·0
145-2	131-8	Property Fd	137·9	145·2

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool, L69 3HS 051-227 4422

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
430-3	348-6	Royal Shield Fd.	405·5	429·1

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
176-1	142-9	Managed Fd.	166·8	175·5
207-7	155-5	Equity Fd.	195·8	205·9
137-0	128-4	Property Fd.	130·2	137·0
258-7	177-9	International Fd.	243·8	256·6
141-4	125-8	Gilt Fd.	132·3	139·2
117-8	110-3	Money Fd.	112·1	117·9
127-6	100-0	U.S. Fd.	121·3	127·6
119-0	100-0	Pacific Basin Fd.	112·0	117·8

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN. FD) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
163-7	130-6	Exempt Man. Fd.	155·6	163·7
245-4	152-9	Exempt Eqty Fd.	228·6	240·6
128-0	112-6	Exempt Prop. Fd.	121·6	128·0
326-6	214-5	Exempt Intnl. Fd.	306·1	322·2
132-3	114-7	Exempt Gilt Fd.	125·7	132·3
124-7	118-2	Exempt Money Fd.	118·5	124·7

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
208-5	170-3	R. L. Mixed Fd.	194·5	204·8

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
103-2	79-8	Global Equity	96·5	102·2
306-7	288-5	Property	289·8	306·7
324-3	265-9	Balanced Inv.	304·4	322·2
259-5	224-3	Gilt	233·4	247·0
59-7	50-8	Property Pension	56·2	59·5
71-3	50-7	Equity Pension	66·6	70·5
69-3	52-0	Managed Pension	65·2	69·0
80-8	65-8	Global Equity Pen.	76·3	80·8

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
227-6	170-5	American (4)	216·0	227·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Deposit (4)	186·5	196·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity (4)	586·1	616·9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Int. (4)	255·3	268·7
151-	[illegible]	Gilt & Fixed Int. (4)	137·9	145·1
215-4	166-0	Income Dist. (4)	200·6	211·1
277-5	209-0	Income Accum. (4)	267·5	278·8
217-2	158-0	International (4)	208·2	213·8
325-5	275-8	Managed (4)	308·5	324·7
219-8	172-2	Overseas (4)	205·0	215·7
299-4	282-0	Property (4)	284·6	299·4
270-0	214-1	Smaller Co's (4)	255·6	269·0
244-4	178-0	Tokyo (4)	203·3	242·4
121-5	108-8	Deposit Pension (C)	115·6	121·6
371-6	282-2	Equity Pensions (C)	349·5	367·8
230-9	198-2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	207·6	218·5
126-9	109-4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	118·2	124·4
109-8	93-5	Index-Lnk.Gilt P.(C)	103·9	109·4
816-9	660-9	Managed Pension (C)	771·6	812·2
265-0	241-8	Property Pen. (C)	251·9	265·1
223-4	165-7	Spec. Ex'pt Pen. (C)	210·9	222·0

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041-248 2323

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
200-9	156-4	Managed	188·9	198·8
168-9	145-5	Fixed Interest	153·0	161·1
242-6	188-8	Equity	224·7	236·5
220-4	158-4	International	209·5	220·4
127-3	118-6	Property	120·8	127·3
115-6	97-6	Index-Lin'd.Gilt Fd.	109·8	115·6
156-6	138-5	Exempt Man.Fd.Int.	148·5	156·4
189-1	153-9	Exempt Man.Fd.Ac.	178·6	188·3
149-2	131-3	Exempt Fx.In.Fd.It.	138·5	145·8
177-1	152-4	Exe'pt Fx.In.Fd.Ac.	166·7	175·5
181-6	146-6	Exempt Eq'tFd.Int	167·1	175·9
217-2	161-2	Exe'pt Eq'ty FdAcm	201·2	211·8
186-4	128-8	Exempt Intl.Fd.Init	158·6	166·4
200-3	146-1	ExemptIntl.Fd.Acm	190·2	200·3
99-1	97-4	ExemptProp.Fd.Int	92·8	97·7
117-7	111-0	ExemptPropFd.Acc.	111·8	117·7
129-3	120-8	Cash Fund	122·8	129·3
112-6	108-0	Exempt Cash Fund	106·6	112·6

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122-2	95-6	Managed	116·0	122·2
109-6	100-0	Property	104·0	109·6
131-1	95-0	U.K. Equity	120·7	127·2
160-6	99-4	American	152·4	160·5
130-5	89-9	Pacific	123·9	130·5
126-3	96-8	European	119·0	126·4
138-1	97-8	International	131·1	138·1
108-8	93-8	Fixed Int	98·4	103·6
110-6	95-7	Index Linked	104·9	110·6
105-9	100-0	Deposit	100·5	105·9
112-6	100-0	Pens Property	106·9	112·6
139-8	94-0	Pens U.K. Equity	126·8	133·5
172-8	99-4	Pens American	164·1	172·8
156-9	90-8	Pens Pacific	150·0	156·9
131-8	97-8	Pens European	124·1	130·8
146-3	98-7	Pens International	138·9	146·3
108-4	94-2	Pens Fixed Int.	100·1	105·4
112-9	95-8	Pens Index Linked	107·1	112·9
109-9	100-0	Pens Deposit	104·4	109·9
127-2	96-4	Pens Managed	120·7	127·2

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh EH2 2OZ 031-556-9101

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
215-1	155-9	Mixed	207·1	219·1
233-1	144-4	Equity	220·0	231·0
130-4	114-1	Fixed Int.	122·5	129·0
263-7	175-5	International	247·6	260·7
123-8	109-5	Property	117·6	123·8
115-0	96-5	Index Linked	105·2	113·9
122-4	109-65	Cash	116·5	122·4
120-4	92-0	Edinburgh Ja	116·5	123·6
131-6	82-9	Edinburgh Am	121·5	127·9
120-7	83-7	Baillie Gifford Jap	114·6	120·7

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
6, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9181

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
121-1	99-8	Mixed	115·2	121·1
128-2	103-4	Equity	119·6	126·2
146-3	102-2	International	139·9	146·3
110-6	101-2	Property	106·4	112·1
107-5	95-2	Fixed Int	99·6	105·0
107-7	91-6	Index Linked	102·1	107·6
107-7	102-9	Cash	102·2	107·7
118-5	99-1	Pen Mixed Init	112·5	118·5
125-5	101-5	Pen Mixed Ord	117·2	125·5
132-0	99-8	Pen Equity Initial	124·4	132·2
137-3	101-8	Pen Equity Ord	129·5	136·9
146-1	100-9	Pen Intl Initial	135·7	146·1
152-4	103-2	Pen Intl Ord	144·6	152·4
110-9	101-3	Pen Prop Init	105·3	110·9
114-6	101-5	Pen Prop Ord	110·6	115·7
109-2	95-5	Pen Fix Int Init	99·2	105·2
108-5	97-2	Pen Fix Int Ord	101·0	108·5
104-7	88-9	Pen I L Init	99·4	104·7
109-7	92-1	Pen I L Ord	104·1	109·7
107-1	100-6	Pen Cash Init	101·6	107·1
111-8	101-2	Pen Cash Ord	106·1	111·8

SCOTTISH WIDOWS GROUP
P.O. Box 902, Edinburgh, EH16 5BU. 031-655 6000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
337-2	263-9	Inv Pol 1	316·5	335·5
333-3	258-1	Inv Pol 2	312·1	328·6
325-8	255-2	Inv Pol 3	307·8	324·1
119-5	156-5	Inv Pol Cash	161·0	169·5
184-9	154-3	Mixed Fd	175·0	184·2
213-7	164-6	Equity Fd	194·4	204·6
132-8	120-7	Prop Fd	126·0	132·8
175-3	132-1	Intnl Fd	166·4	175·3
164-0	148-8	Fix Int Fd	154·5	162·6
116-2	100-6	Ind-stk Fd	110·3	116·2
126-2	118-3	Cash Fd	119·8	126·2
213-2	172-7	Pen Mxd Ord	201·5	212·8
239-5	178-0	Pen Eq Ord	215·8	232·4
146-3	124-1	Pen Prop Ord	138·9	146·3
201-5	156-5	Pen Intl Ord	191·3	201·5
169-1	150-4	Pen F I Ord	161·5	169·1
121-5	103-2	Pen Ind-st Ord	115·5	121·5
146-5	131-6	Pen Cash Ord	139·0	146·5
862-2	736-0	P M Man	815·8	865·8
965-9	715-9	P M Stk Ex	904·6	951·1
139-5	123-7	P M Prop	137·5	137·5
151-8	138-2	P M Cash	151·4	151·8
421-6	342-9	Ex Unit Acc	401·5	414·6

SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Southampton. 0703 334411

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
189-2	135-4	Managed Life Acc	179·7	189·2
233-9	184-6	Managed PensionAc	222·2	233·9
215-0	175-2	InternationalLifeAcc	203·8	214·5
295-5	222-0	International PensAcc	279·9	294·6
119-7	95-3	ArbuthnotManLifeAc	113·0	118·9
125-3	94-0	Arbuthnot Pens.Acc.	115·6	121·6
106-7	86-2	BritanniaManLifeAc	100·4	105·6
121-8	92-5	BritanniaPensionsAc	115·8	121·8
115-5	90-8	FramlingtonManLifeAc	106·7	112·3
135-3	99-7	FramlingtonPensAcc	125·7	132·3
115-3	98-1	GartmoreManLifeAc	107·7	113·3
132-9	99-9	Gartmore Pens. Acc.	124·6	131·1
113-2	92-1	HendersonManLifeAc	107·6	113·2
129-5	98-7	Henderson Pens.Acc.	122·4	128·8
111-9	91-4	TSBManaged LifeAcc	106·4	111·9
126-7	98-0	TSB Pensions Acc.	120·4	126·7
194-0	159-5	Equity Life Acc.	183·7	193·3
245-5	191-0	Equity Pensions Acc.	232·0	244·2
157-4	143-1	Gilt Plus Life Acc.	146·3	154·0
190-4	174-4	Gilt Plus Pens. Acc.	182·6	193·2
148-5	136-9	Property Life Acc.	141·5	148·9
189-5	167-6	Property Pens. Acc.	178·9	188·3
150-0	137-1	Deposit Life Acc.	141·9	149·4
192-6	172-6	Deposit Pensions Acc	182·4	192·0

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
3, George St., Edinburgh, EH2 2XZ 031-225 2552

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
272-3	215-0	Managed	256·6	270·2
175-5	161-7	Property	166·7	175·5
351-3	250-8	Equity	326·2	343·4
289-5	206-5	International	272·7	287·1
206-2	174-8	Fixed Interest	189·4	199·5
339-1	258-7	Pens. Mned	319·4	336·3
449-0	337-6	Pens Equity	418·7	440·8
369-0	265-2	Pens Intul	347·6	365·9
112-5	97-7	Index-Linked	105·2	111·4
149-1	138-2	Cash	141·6	149·1
187-1	164-9	Pens Property	177·5	186·9
211-5	184-3	Pens Fixed Interest	196·0	206·4
114-9	96-3	Pens Index-Linked	109·1	114·9
175-5	157-7	Pens Cash	166·7	175·5

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INSURANCE LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham, 0403-64141

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Life Funds		
389-0	304-4	Equity	363·6	382·8
231-9	204-2	Fixed Interest	212·3	223·5
283-6	190-9	International	267·9	282·0
312-4	260-0	Managed	296·7	312·4
251-5	225-6	Property	238·9	251·5
163-4	153-2	Deposit	155·2	163·4
135-8	113-2	Index Linked	128·8	135·6
124-4	49-5	North America	118·1	124·4
116-9	100-0	Far East	111·6	116·9
13-10	12-73	International Bond	—	13-10
		Pension Funds		
216-0	156-4	Equity	198·4	208·9
195-1	171-2	Fixed Interest	180·8	190·4
144-5	119-5	Property	137·2	144·5
204-2	162-0	Managed	193·9	204·2
160-4	132-6	Index Linked	152·3	160·4
243-2	160-5	International	229·7	247·8
135-2	120-9	Deposit	128·4	135·2

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA (UK) LTD
2, 3 & 4, Cockspur St., London SW1Y 5BH 01-930 5400

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
575-8	456-9	Growth Account	—	567·2
304-4	274-9	Managed Account	—	322·8
404-2	306-1	Equity Account	—	397·9
163-1	138-4	Maple Leaf Mngd.Fd	154·8	162·9
183-6	147-1	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd.	180·9	190·5
146-2	128-6	MapleLeafFix.In.Fd	132·8	139·6
128-1	113-1	Maple Leaf Prop. Fd	121·7	128·1
119-8	112-2	Maple LeafMoneyFd	113·8	119·8
224-8	170-4	Maple Leaf Intnl.Fd	213·6	224·8
117-9	102-8	Maple Leaf In LinFd	111·1	117·0
599-1	480-7	Personal Pens.Accnt	—	599·1
293-6	235-6	Pensions Mng'd. Acc	278·9	293·6
100-4	100-0	Pens.Guaranteed Fd	95·4	100·4
99-7	99-7	Pens. Equity Fd.	94·7	99·7
100-2	100-0	Pens. Property Fd.	95·1	100·2
100-6	100-0	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd.	95·5	100·5
105-4	100-0	Pens. Intnl. Fd.	100·2	105·4
100-4	100-0	Pens. Money Fd.	95·4	100·4
101-4	100-0	Pens. Index Link Fd	95·9	100·9

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272-426911

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
338-2	321-2	Managed Acc	321·1	338·1
207-3	205-3	Property Acc	196·9	207·3
455-4	425-7	Equity Acc	424·9	447·3
187-4	179-2	Fixed Interest Acc	174·3	183·5
110-1	105-4	Index-Linked Acc	104·5	110·1
171-0	168-6	Cash Acc	162·4	171·0
216-3	183-9	AmericanEquityAcc	202·5	213·2
124-2	116-5	U.S. Bonds Acc	115·4	121·5
131-4	121-6	Japan Acc	123·7	130·3
121-2	123-7	Pacific Acc	112·1	118·0
287-0	254-1	Far Eastern Acc	272·6	287·0
263-5	237-8	International Acc	247·7	260·0
124-7	114-9	U.S. Dollar Acc	116·3	122·5
111-9	106-7	Yen Acc	105·0	110·6
107-0	104-6	European Curr. Acc	99·7	105·0
153-5	139-0	Distribution	145·8	153·5

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
338-5	305-0	Pens. Mngd. Acc	312·0	328·5
166-2	160-8	Pens Property Acc	157·8	166·2
405-8	367-8	Pens. Equity Acc	379·2	399·2
175-9	171-1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc	166·0	174·8
111-4	104-6	Pens. Ind. Link. Acc	105·8	111·4
169-8	166-1	Pens. Cash Acc	161·3	169·8
185-4	148-8	Pens. Ameri. Eq Acc	174·3	183·5
149-0	120-8	PensU.S. Bonds Acc	137·3	144·6
135-4	123-2	Pens. Japan Acc	128·3	135·1
140-1	111-5	Pens Pacific Acc	131·3	137·9
420-9	390-0	Pens. Far Eastrn Acc	405·9	425·2
387-0	364-5	Pens. Intnl. Acc	307·5	323·7
135-3	130-6	Pens.U.S.Dollar Acc	125·6	132·3
122-5	113-2	Pens. Yen Acc	113·8	119·8
105-8	105-3	Pens.Euro. Curr.Acc	100·3	105·6

TSB LIFE & PENSIONS
P.O. Box 3, Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264-62188

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
127-6	106-5	Managed	120·8	127·5
112-7	104-6	Property	107·8	112·7
158-6	115-0	Equity	149·7	157·7
116-9	98-4	Fixed Int	107·9	113·8
111-0	104-2	Money	105·3	111·0
225-6	100-0	Man. Pens.	214·7	225·6
101-4	100-0	Deposit Pens	96·2	101·4

TEACHERS' ASSURANCE CO. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
137-5	111-3	Managed Fund	130·4	137·3
119-1	104-2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd	110·2	116·0
114-7	107-1	Cash Fund	109·0	114·7

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD
55-57, High Holborn WC1 6DU 01-831 7481

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
226-1	103-5	Series 2 Man. Fund	212·3	223·4
278-9	214-8	Series 2 Equity Fund	260·5	274·2
211-0	181-1	Series 2 Prop. Fund	193·5	203·6
232-9	173-3	Series 2 Fixed Int. Fd	185·6	195·3
145-1	137-6	Series 2 Money Fund	137·9	145·1
207-5	158-6	Series 2 O'seas Fund	197·0	207·3
441-0	358-7	Tulip Invest. Fund	416·5	438·5
109-5	253-5	Tulip Managed Fund	292·5	307·8
219-4	181-5	Managed Fund Int	207·0	217·8
265-0	208-7	Managed Fund Acc	241·0	253·6
347-1	277-4	Man. Pen. Fund Cap	328·2	345·4
367-8	355-3	Man. Pen. Fund Acc	424·1	446·4

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452-500500

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
263-0	191-6	American	249·7	263·0
190-0	153-6	International	180·4	190·0
277-2	173-1	U.K. Equity	257·5	271·5
265-6	222-8	Managed	251·7	265·1
317-1	255-0	High Yield	299·1	314·9
225-4	199-1	Gilt Edged	208·1	219·1
304-4	247-8	Growth Acc	289·1	304·4
249-7	214-5	Growth Cap	237·1	249·7
308-1	287-8	Property	295·2	308·4
261-0	246-4	Guaranteed	245·1	258·1
216-6	199-5	Money	204·6	215·5
250-3	220-8	Fiscal	235·1	247·5
368-2	291-2	Pensions Managed	340·2	358·2
235-5	221-2	Pensions Deposit	225·6	235·5
316-5	272-5	Pensions Property	300·6	316·5
253-4	216-5	Pensions Gilt Edged	234·6	247·1
344-7	275-2	Pensions Equity	325·0	340·1
109-1	105-0	Pensions Swiss Bond	103·5	109·1
117-2	107-4	Pensions Woolwich	111·2	117·2
116-0	99-0	Henderson Active	109·7	115·4
122-5	99-0	Perpetual Active	117·2	123·0
99-5	99-2	Trident Bond	95·3	99·5
107-4	100-0	Henderson Pens	101·9	107·5
132-4	100-0	Perpetual Pens	125·3	132·3

VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
41-43 Maddox Street, London W1R 9LA 01-499 4923

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
363-0	296-0	Managed	344·8	363·0
681-7	525-5	Equity	638·4	672·0
296-2	264-9	Fixed Interest	276·5	291·1
255-6	224-7	Property	241·1	253·8
302-5	218-1	International	287·2	302·4
140-0	94-0	North American	127·3	134·0
115-6	85-5	Pacific Basin	109·6	115·4
119-5	94-1	European	113·5	119·5
200-3	188-2	Cash	190·2	200·2
323-8	255-4	Pensions Managed	307·6	323·8
434-6	322-4	Pensions Equity	407·8	429·3
267-6	235-5	Pensions Fixed Int	251·9	265·2
219-0	201-3	Pensions Property	208·0	219·0
122-5	104-4	Pens Index-LinkedGilt	116·3	122·5
151-0	124-4	Pens Intnat'alMoney	142·4	149·9
154-4	102-7	Pens. Global Equity	147·6	155·4
105-6	100-0	Pensions Cash	98·4	103·6
12-50	8-44	Pens. Guaranteed (%)	12·12	—

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● Net asset value up 16.8%

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Mr. S. G. Brooksbank FCA, *Chairman*

Results:—	31.12.84	31.12.83
Gross revenue	£3.17m	£3.28m
Available for ordinary stockholders	£1.28m	£1.26m
Earnings per stock unit	4.49p	4.41p
Proposed dividend for year per stock unit	4.60p	4.40p
Net asset value per stock unit	316.9p	271.4p
Net total assets	£95.5m	£81.9m

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Royal rewards for patience

MAYBE stockbrokers' research material should be added to the boardroom papers at Royal Insurance, then the group might not be so surprised and disappointed by its figures.

A dreadful year for the composites has ended on a suitably *awful note for Royal with its* 1984 pre-tax profits reduced from £98·4 million to £11·2 million. The general insurance result shows a loss of £110 million against one of just £5·4 million last time.

But while the company describes its performance as very unsatisfactory and has registered surprise that 1984 saw a 9 p.c. increase in United States claims frequency, the stock market appears to have had the situation taped.

Profits were actually in line with expectations and the shares responded well to the group's assertion that premium rate increases remained on an accelerating trend until the year end.

In the second quarter of 1984 the price rises averaged 13 p.c., increasing through 19 p.c. in the third quarter to 40 p.c. in December.

Considering the company lost £76¼3 million last year (against *a loss of £24·7 million) in the* US, that is encouraging news and explains why the shares *gained 13p on the day to 570p.*

Conditions outside of the United States were not exactly easy but at least the operations remained in substantial profit with a pre-tax contribution of £87·5 million against £123 million.

With the possible exception of Commercial Union the whole composite sector now looks ready to assault the recovery trail.

It could take a couple of years before hardening rates make a appreciable difference *to United States losses but* Royal this year should be on course for around £65 million pre-tax profit which should allow a small increase in the dividend. The present yield is *6 p.c.*

That is far enough above the market to make the shares attractive to patient investors prepared to hang on for a *couple of years.*

Pound peps up Ransomes

THE GRASS has not been left *to grow under the feet of* Ransomes Sims & Jeffries. Pre-tax profits surged by two thirds during 1984 to £5·31 million, well above market expectations and more in line with targets for 1985 than 1984.

Part of the upturn came from the weakness of sterling, which has helped margins and market penetration on the export of grass cutting machinery to the United States.

But at the same time the American subsidiary has had problems in exporting from the *United States, so the dollar's* strength is not unalloyed joy.

The bumper results mask, too, a flat year for farm machinery and all the indications are that 1985 will see little respite in a very tough market.

The group's particular niche *is tillage equipment and its* market share has grown—but the outlook is nevertheless *dismal.*

Fortunately, the grass machinery side, stil reaping the benefits of four years' reorganisation within the works, is on course for a further advance, and the property division continues to build up slowly.

The shares, which have been long-time favourites of THE DAILY TELEGRAPH investment columns, made a further spectacular advance yesterday, ris*ing 83p to 628p — more than* four times the price at which they were mentioned as a "quality recovery stock" three years ago.

But the historic price-earn*ings ratio is still only ten and* the yield nearly 5 p.c., while the coming subdivision and capitalisation issue will probably drive the price further ahead.

Meanwhile, the group is on the lookout for acquisitions *which fit in with existing busi*nesses and have the share price muscle to see them through.

Hawley needs polished image

HAWLEY Group is one of the great imponderables of the stock market.

It appears to have so much in its favour: a strong recent growth record heightened by the latest figures for the year to December 31 showing a 121 p.c. pre-tax gain to £31·5 million. A corporate structure providing a balance of cash generating growth companies in both the United Kingdom and the United States, and an ambitious management seeking to expand further into the fast developing service industries.

And yet, the company has not yet been taken to the City's heart. Its shares have perked up since the beginning of the year but a historic price/earning ratio of nine at 104p is *not the rating of a reliable* growth company. Indeed if the group is on course for £42 million pre-tax this year its prospective earnings multiple comes down to a positively cautious six times, assuming a very low tax charge.

The reasons for the reticence are easy to define. The stock market is traditionally wary of companies which suddenly change their tax domiciles and which also expand through the issue of reams of paper.

Hawley has done both. In October the company completed a deal which switched its tax domicile to Bermuda and which through the issue of 21 million shares for the purchase of the minority interest in Electro-Protective took its share issues for the previous 12 months period up to 75 million.

Hawley always promised that there would be no earnings dilution and the reported earnings per share over the last 12 months have in fact leapt by 78 p.c. to 11·4p.

Thanks largely to its clever *acquisition policy* Hawley's United Kingdom profits have grown from £2·7 million to £11·7 million over the last three years while the North American contribution has expanded from £2·6 million to £17·8 million.

Hawley says that it is now happy to expand from within its present corporate structure which includes four main divisions, cleaning, home improvements, security and travel.

If it uses the next twelve months to prove that it can extract good organic growth from these without further resort to share issues its shares should appreciate strongly. If not its image could still be that of an unloved growth company.

Jackson rejects £24m Williams share offer

By RA TICKEL

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS, headed by accountants Nigel Rudd and Brian McGowan, delivered a £24 million share offer for fellow engineering group J. & H. B. Jackson yesterday amid calls for a Stock Exchange inquiry.

Jackson's shares were a *strong market* last week, rising almost 30 p.c. to 84p, on speculation of an offer from Williams, and both sides said yesterday they were "unhapppy" about dealings last week.

Jackson shares yesterday improved a further 25p to 109p in line with the terms of the offer — five Williams Ordinary plus eight new 5 p.c. convertible preference for every 20 Jackson's Ordinary—worth just less than 105p a share at current prices and assuming a value of 110p a share on the Williams convertible.

The Jackson board quickly dismissed the offer as "unsolicited and unwelcome." The offer *would be "strongly opposed"* and "failed to recognise the financial strength and future prospects" of the company, it said.

In the year to end-September 1984 Jackson made £2·67 million against £3·58 million pre-tax, including £884,000 against £1·81 million from the sale of investments. Its accounts, issued at the weekend, put net assets at around £21·5 million, including about £11 million in cash and investments.

Mr McGowan, Williams's managing director, admitted *Jackson's strong asset position* was one of its attractions.

Williams, which has followed *a policy of internal growth and* acquisition since Messrs McGowan and Rudd joined the group in 1982, produced pre-tax profits of £1·92 million, against a £76,000 loss last year, and is forecasting an increased 2p dividend in respect of the current year.

At 243p, up 15p, Williams is capitalised at £23·5 million.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR 1984
Royal Insurance

	Year 1984 (unaudited) £m	Year 1983 (audited) £m
General Insurance:		
Premiums Written	2,268.4	1,910.1
Underwriting Balance	—347.4	—209.6
Investment Income allocated to General Insurance operations	237.4	204.2
General Insurance Result	—110.0	—5.4
Long-term Insurance Profit	20.7	17.5
Investment Income attributable to Capital and Reserves	87.2	75.1
Share of Associated Companies' Profits	13.3	11.2
Profit before Taxation	11.2	98.4
Less Taxation	17.6	17.8
Minority Interests	—0.4	0.4
Net Profit/Loss	—6.0	80.2
Earnings per share — *See Note 1*	2.5p (loss)	34.0p
Dividends for the year	56.3	53.8
Pence per share — *See Note 1*	23.75p	22.8p
Transfer to/from Retained Profits	—62.3	26.4
Capital and Reserves — *See Note 2*	£1,829m	£1,652m

Note 1 *Earnings and dividends per share have been adjusted for the one for four scrip issue made in June 1984.*
Note 2 *Capital and Reserves includes the Long-term Insurance Business Reserve of £245m for 1984 (1983: £225m).*

EXCHANGE RATES

Foreign currencies have been translated according to our normal practice at approximately the average rates of exchange ruling during the year. The principal rates were:—

	Year 1984	Year 1983
USA	$1.33	$1.51
Canada	$1.73	$1.87
Australia	$1.52	$1.68
Netherlands	Fls4.27	Fls4.33

The pre-tax result has been adversely affected by £7.0m due to changes in exchange rates; the underwriting balance being worsened by £29.6m, with investment income and Associated Companies benefiting by a net amount of £22.6m.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Directors will recommend to the shareholders that at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 9th May 1985, a final dividend be declared of 15.0p per 25p share to be paid on 17th May 1985. This dividend will be payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on 12th April 1985. This, together with the interim dividend of 8.75p already paid, will *make a total distribution of 23.75p per share for* the year 1984 compared with 22.8p for 1983 as adjusted for the scrip issue.

INVESTMENT INCOME

*Total investment income of £324.6m in*creased in sterling terms by 16.2%; allowing for the changes in rates of exchange the growth was almost 8%.

GENERAL INSURANCE

Premium income rose by 18.8% in sterling; allowing for the effect of currency changes, the increase was over 10½%. Details for the individual operating companies are as follows:-

In the United States the fourth quarter operating ratio was 115.9%, giving a ratio for the year of 120.0% (1983 114.0%). Following a sharp increase in claims frequency the commercial lines result was very unsatisfactory but the degree of deterioration compared with 1983 moderated somewhat during the second half of the year. The 21% premium volume increase in commercial lines in the third quarter was followed by a 25% increase in the final quarter reflecting our continuing firm pricing policy now supported by widespread hardening in the market. There was some improvement in personal lines with better experience in automobile business. The total dollar premium income, after the inclusion of Silvey Corporation from 1st June 1984, increased by 3.2%.

Premium volume increased by over 13% in the UK. Experience in the final quarter reflected a sharp increase in motor claims frequency. The total result for 1984 was severely affected by the weather losses on the property accounts in the first quarter, the upward trend in subsidence claims and increased fire wastage.

There was further deterioration in the final quarter in Canada, where, as for the year as a whole, the automobile and general liability accounts were responsible for the major part of the worsening. An addition of some £26m was made during 1984 to prior years' claims reserves which, whilst being adequate at the start of the year, required revision in the light of the more liberal interpretation of liability and generous awards being made by the courts. Premium income growth in local terms of 7.7% was largely accounted for by rate increases on commercial lines business.

The result in Australia was very satisfactory, despite the adverse impact in the final quarter of storm losses and bush fires in New South Wales. There was strong premium growth of 40% in local currency terms, being particularly marked in commercial lines.

The improvement shown by Royal Int continued in the final quarter to produce a better result for the year. Premium growth in local *terms following the acquisition of a majority* shareholding in the Spanish insurance company Velazquez SA was over 26%. (13.6% excluding Velazquez SA).

Difficult market conditions and an increase in claims frequency in most classes affected the results for Royal Nederland. Premium income rose by 4.9% in local currency terms.

The result for Royal Re was unsatisfactory as a consequence of the marked worsening in the proportional treaty account and the impact of large losses on the facultative business. The non-proportional account achieved a modest *general insurance profit.*

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE

New single premiums written by Royal Life during 1984 increased by 11% to £93.9m but *new annual premiums were somewhat lower at* £50.6m. The fall in new annual premiums was expected as the 1983 figure included a substantial volume of business arising from the conversion of existing capital and interest repayment mortgages to endowment mortgages. As compared with 1982 new annual premiums increased by 90%. Self employed pension business increased significantly and the unit-linked business performed well.

The long-term insurance profit increased fropm £17.5m to £20.7m.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 1984

The Report and Accounts for 1984, which are being prepared, will be posted to shareholders on 15th April 1985 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the Annual General Meeting to be held on 9th May 1985.

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	Year 1984						Year 1983					
	Premiums Written £m	Under-Writing Balance £m	Allocated Investment Income £m	General Insurance Result £m	Inv. Inc. on Capital & Reserves £m	Pre-tax Profit £m	Premiums Written £m	Under-Writing Balance £m	Allocated Investment Income £m	General Insurance Result £m	Inv. Inc. on Capital & Reserves £m	Pre-tax Profit £m
Royal USA	946.7	—220.2	116.0	—104.2	27.9	—76.3	807.6	—139.9	92.8	—47.1	22.4	—24.7
Royal UK	604.1	—42.0	57.2	15.2	17.2	32.4	533.1	—24.1	56.3	32.2	15.9	48.1
Royal Canada	233.2	—53.6	29.7	—23.9	7.5	—16.4	200.3	—20.6	28.1	7.5	7.7	15.2
Royal Australia	176.1	—3.7	14.0	10.3	6.6	16.9	113.4	—3.2	9.0	5.8	4.2	10.0
Royal Int	149.7	—4.8	8.8	4.0	5.2	11.9*	116.4	—7.1	7.9	0.8	5.0	7.1*
Royal Nederland	71.9	—6.7	6.4	—0.3	4.2	3.9	67.6	—4.6	6.2	1.6	3.9	5.5
Royal Re	86.7	—16.4	5.3	—11.1	2.7	—8.4	71.7	—10.1	3.9	—6.2	3.1	—3.1
	2268.4	—347.4	237.4	—110.0	71.3	—36.0	1,910.1	—209.6	204.2	—5.4	62.2	58.1

**The pre-tax profit figures for Royal Int include the contribution from their Associated Companies of £2.7m in 1984 and £1.3m in 1983.*

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The Wagon Finance Corporation plc

Extracts from Chairman's Review

Retirement of Mr. Bartolomé

On 1st July, 1984, I succeeded Mr. S. M. de Bartolomé as Chairman. Mr. Bartolomé joined our Board on 1st January, 1973 and became Chairman on 1st January, 1975, contributing much to our Group during his period of office. On your behalf I extend our gratitude and thanks to Mr. Bartolomé.

Record Profit

It is particularly fitting, in a year overlapping the final period of office of my colleague, that I am able to announce a record Group profit. Before interest on borrowings and taxation, the profit for 1984 amounted to £11,227,415, compared with £9,711,333 for 1983. After deducting interest on borrowings, the Group profit before taxation was £3,372,250, compared with £2,002,654 the previous year, an increase of more than two-thirds. Aided by the changes announced in the Budget last year our percentage tax charge is reduced and the profit after taxation amounted to £1,845,026, more than double the 1983 figure of £871,654. There has been a small reduction in the charge for bad debts and if it had not been for the miners strike this reduction would have been greater.

35% Increase in Dividends

The consolidated profit after taxation is equivalent to earnings per share of 7.80p compared with 3.70p for 1983. The Board has pleasure therefore in proposing an increased final dividend of 2.5p (1983: 1.875p) per share, which together with the increased interim dividend of 0.875p (1983: 0.625p) per share, makes a total of 3.375p (1983: 2.5p) per share for the year. This represents an increase of 35% in total dividends and leaves us £1,046,816 to add to reserves to assist in financing future expansion. After allowing for provisions for bad and doubtful debts, our gross instalment credit balances stood at £102,630,352, compared with £97,441,269 at the end of 1983. Unearned finance charges amounted to £18,334,842, compared with £17,860,884 at 31st December, 1983.

New Appointments

Mr. A. J. Coombe, a Director of Wagon Finance Limited, was appointed to your Board on 1st July, 1984, and on the same date became Deputy Managing Director of all our subsidiary companies. In addition, on that date we appointed Mr. G. R. Harrold, Mr. B. A. G. Johnson, Mr. J. Leatherland and Mr. G. L. Lord to the Board of Wagon Finance Limited. All these executives have had considerable experience and service with your Group and these appointments will ensure we have a strong management team for many years to come. Mr. R. J. Baxter, one of the executive directors of your company, retired on 31st December, 1984, after thirty-four years service with the Group. Again, on your behalf, I thank him for his unstinting efforts over the years and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Future

The recent movements in Base Rate, brought about by external factors, now obscure the short term future as far as interest costs and new business levels are concerned. We have had to increase our lending rates for new business but as I said in my Statement last August, in similar circumstances, no adjustment is possible to compensate us for the increased cost of funding our existing portfolio. In turn, increased costs to the consumer coupled with substantially increased mortgage repayments, may well reduce consumer spending on credit. However, looking further ahead, we have recently agreed with our Bankers a reduction in our borrowing margins, coupled with a substantial increase in our facilities to a figure in excess of £100,000,000, thereby ensuring that we have adequate funds available for expansion. With lower borrowing margins and increased facilities, our new appointments in the Group and completion of our branch streamlining, we are in a strong position to face the future.

In conclusion, may I, on your behalf, thank our Managing Director, Mr. J. O. Skelton, and his team of executives and staff for their tremendous effort over past years which has resulted in the excellent figures announced.

J. CHOPPING, Chairman
14th February, 1985

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COMPANIES

British Vita plans expansion

NEWS of proposed expansion in Europe accompanies British Vita's preliminary results which show pre-tax profits for 1984 ahead from £10·6m to £11·8m.

The group is in talks which could lead to it making a formal offer to acquire the foam interests of the Solvay Group. The proposals, relating to manufacturing and licensing operations located in West Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland with annual sales of about £35m. would involve aggregate consideration of £9m, equivalent to adjusted net asset value.

British Vita's earnings come out at 24·3p against 22p and the dividend is going up from an adjusted 5·36p to 6·2p with a 3·2p final, payable May 10. It maintains a healthy balance sheet and, overall, prospects for 1985 are encouraging, says the board.

Derek Bryant

DEREK BRYANT Group, the U S M-quoted specialist Lloyd's insurance broking concern, has had a good year with pre-tax profits up from a restated £1·18m to £1·43m. Earnings emerge at 29·32p against 24·92p and the dividend is being lifted to 7·35p (6p) with a 5p final on May 1.

The group received a significantly increased volume of business from new and existing clients in the United Kingdom and in the United States.

It was unable to renew the main Darrah & Associates automobile facility in Lloyd's. Derek Bryant Associates, Inc., in the U S A, however, has placed 50 p.c. of this business in the American domestic market.

C V D

RECORD half-year results are reported by C V D Incorporated, the Massachusetts-based maker of advanced materials for the defence and medical industries which joined the U S M in October.

The pre-tax figure is up from $441,000 to $692,000 on sales of $2·01m against $1·76m. Orders in hand for the group's advanced materials and for research programmes indicate that second half turnover will be higher and that the $1·55m full-year profit forecast is on target.

A 2 cents dividend is expected for the year, payable in October, 1985.

Hogg Robinson

HOGG ROBINSON'S Australian subsidiary is strengthening its insurance broking business with a series of deals worth some A$4m (£2·5m) in total.

It has bought the insurance and reinsurance broking and underwriting agency business of the Armstrong Nisbet Group for A$2m and has also acquired the pension fund management and life assurance agency business of Burrett Harris Group for A$800,000.

Finally, it has bought out the minority shareholders in Australia for A$2·7m.

Medminster

MEDMINSTER, the shipping, freight agency and furniture hire group which made £492,500 in 1983-84, looks to be on course for another record year. Opening half pre-tax profits are up from £179,000 to a peak of £241,000 and with the company's North Atlantic business quoted and transacted in dollars the board says there would be a "considerable" profit on conversion into sterling.

The new warehouse at White City for Camden Furniture Hire is now fully operational while the shipping and freight activities are progressing satisfactorily. Turnover was £8·41m (£6·11m).

Earnings are up from 6·18p to 8·05p and the interim dividend rises from 1·75p to 1·95p on April 9.

Technology

OPERATING profit at Technology for Business, the U S M-quoted computer systems company, rose from £290,000 to £306,000 in 1984. The effect of financing the working capital requirements of the enlarged group prior to the proceeds of December's preference share issue becoming available, however, trimmed the pre-tax figure from £315,000 to £272,000.

Nevertheless, as a gesture of confidence, the board is increasing the dividend by 10 p.c. to 4·62p (4·2p) on May 28.

Woodhouse Rixson

THE recovery at Sheffield-based forgemaster Woodhouse & Rixson (Holdings), evident at half-way when it swung from a £158,000 loss to a £24,000 profit, has continued for it made £258,000 in the second half to make the full year pre-tax outturn £282,000 as against a £444,000 deficit last time.

The final dividend is being partially restored from 0·25p to 0·75p on April 29 for a 1p (0·75p) total. Earnings were 2·1p (losses 5·4p).

Below the line extraordinary debit £541,000 (£336,000) largely relates to costs incurred on the ring rolling and open die forging rationalisation. The opening two months of 1985 have seen progress being maintained with order books strengthened and margins held.

IN BRIEF

Imp. Metals Corp. Canada: Nine months net income C$1·71m on total gross revenues C$3·07m. Working capital C$4·78m, an increase of C$1·61m. Improvement expected to continue during balance of year.

Inch Kenneth Kajang: Full year pre-tax profit M$4·68m (M$1·70m), including interest and other income M$3·18 (M$1·27m). Eps 71·64 cents (28·94) final 21p gross, pay April 26, making 35p gross (10 gross). Nav M$11·6 (M$6·85).

Rio Algom (R T Z subsidiary): Full year net earnings C$739·9m (C$51·1m), equiv to $1·65 ($1·11m) per common share.

Save & Prosper Gold Fund: Full year net revenue £37,700 (£137,000). Total revenue £216,000 (£235,000). No dividend.

Polytechnic Marine: First half p t profit £330,000 (£425,000). T/o £1·6m (£1·02m). Eps 2·3p (2·5p). As usual, no interim dividend. Strong international order book in excess of £5m for delivery in 1985.

Child Health Research Invest Trust: Full-year pre-tax revenue £15,000 (£12,000). Gross revenue £239,000 (£195,000). Total distributions to the Trustees of The Child Health Research Appeal Trust (gross) £189,000 (£127,000). Nav 326·5p (318·5p) and 364·8p at Feb 25, 1985.

Hanson Trust: Holders of 92 p.c. of 9¾ p.c. loan stock, 2001-06 exercised right at first opportunity to convert into Hanson Ordinary shares.

Int Invest Trust of Jersey: First half pre-tax profit £770,000 (£65,000). Turnover £17·5m (£121,000). Eps 8·5p (5·5p); second interim 6p, making 10p (9p) already announced.

Philip Morris: Quarterly div of $1 ($0·85) per share payable April 10.

D R G Inc (D R G Canadian subsidiary): Full year income p/t and extraordinary items C$6·55m (C$2·07m). T/o (C$115m) (C$105·4m). EPS C$1·21 (0·43c). Extraordinary credit C$1·097m (nil).

High-Point Services Group: First half p t pft £249,000 (£194,000). Exchange gains of £250,000 (£28,000) dealt with through revenue reserves. Int div 1·5p (single div 1·9p), pay April 15. Business activity buoyant during the half.

Resource Technology: First half p/t pft £277,000 (£647,000) after interest charge of £76,000 (£17,000). T/o £4·76m (£3·85m). EPS 1·6p (5·8p). Extraordinary debits £106,000 (debits £452,000). No int (single div 0·7p) but board will review position at year-end.

D.J. Security Alarms: Full year pre-tax profit £99,000 (£210,000). Turnover £778,000 (£640,000). Eps 2·85p (5·67p) fully diluted. Final 0·5p payable April 24 making 1·5p (1p). Efforts made to improve profitability; figures encouraging.

BIDS AND DEALS

Banro-CHI

BANRO INDUSTRIES is putting up a stout defence against C H Industrials' £4m-plus bid. Banro estimates that pre-tax profits for 1984 are not less than £800,000, an increase of 56 p.c. despite losses of about £103,000 by the Lignotock operation up to the decision to close the plant in June, 1984.

A 3·725p final dividend makes 4·5p (3·5p).

In its defence document, Banro claims that C H I's balance sheet is dangerously overborrowed and that C H I's profit and dividend record is volatile.

LMS-Winterbottom

London Merchant Securities has again pushed up its stake in the Winterbottom Energy Trust. Its latest buying gives it 33 p.c. of the shares but 28·4 p.c. of the votes. Takeover talks between the two took place last year but came to nothing.

Meanwhile New York-based Mutual Shares Corporation, attracted by the trust's portfolio of North American oil stocks, has also been buying the shares. At the last count it had an 18·4 p.c. equity stake.

All this activity has buoyed up Winterbottom's shares which were another 2p higher yesterday at 107p, valuing the trust at £26 million.

Debenhams

DEBENHAMS is going Dutch with the Hans Anders group to build a chain of high street opticians. It has paid £300,000 for a half share in a seven-strong chain in the United Kingdom but the two partners have plans for expansion both through their own shops and through franchises.

Hans Anders (Holland) already operates 50 shops in its own country, selling all its frames at a single price of £15. Half these outlets are franchise operations.

Cray Electronics Holdings has acquired **Stead Publications** for an initial £100,000, satisfied by 44,444 Ordinary shares.

Eastern Produce Holdings has acquired a second citrus grove in Florida bringing total acreage now owned to 275. Total consideration for 275 acres is $5·42m cash ($3·2m).

CHAIRMEN

Kenning Motor — Herbert Osspring: Main British businesses continue to trade at depressed levels. This, and disappointing results from American tyre and Zimbabwe operations, will almost certainly result in a shortfall in first half.

NEW ISSUES

Water issues

TWO water companies are seeking to raise a total of £9m by the issue of debenture stocks through stockbrokers Seymour, Pierce & Co. Mid Kent Water is offering £5m 12¼ p.c. debenture 1995 and £4m 12¼ p.c. debenture 2005 while Bournemouth and District Water is offering £2m of 12¼ p.c. debenture 1995.

All the issues are at £100 p.c. payable as to £10 p.c. on March 7 and the balance on March 26.

Dealings commence, 10 p.c. paid, tomorrow.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS

Rudolf Wolff Report

COPPER: Steady. Wire Bars: Off Settlement £1,285 (£1,273). Off Midday Cash £1,282·50-£1,285, 3 Months £1,297-£1,297·50. After Close Cash £1,276-£1,277. 3 Months £1,293-£1,293·50. T/O 31,650 Tonnes. Cathodes: Quiet. Off Settlement £1,273 (£1,257). Off Midday Cash £1,272-£1,275. 3 Months £1,290-£1,293. After Close Cash £1,270-£1,271. 3 Months £1,290-£1,292. T/O 25 Tonnes.

TIN: Steady. Off Settlement £10,143 (£10,065). Off Midday Cash £10,145-£10,145. 3 Months £10,155-£10,160. After Close Cash £10,145-£10,150. 3 Months £10,165-£10,170. T/O 810 Tonnes.

LEAD: Steady but Quiet. Off Settlement £331·50 (£326). Off Midday Cash £331-£331·50. 3 Months £340-£341. After Close Cash £328-£329·50. 3 Months £337·50-£338. T/O 4,250 Tonnes.

ZINC: Barely steady. Off settlement £836 (£840). off midday cash £834-£836. 3 mths £815-£815·50. aft close cash £825-£827. 3 mths £810-£811. T/O 11,975 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 525p-526p. 3 mths 545p-545·50p. aft close cash 527p-529p. 3 mths 545·50p-547·50p. T/O 35 lots of 10,000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady but quiet. Off settlement £1,018 (£1,013·50). off midday cash £1,017-£1,018. 3 mths £1,054-£1,054·50. aft close cash £1,017-£1,017·50. 3 mths £1,054-£1,054·50. T/O 8,050 tonnes.

NICKEL: Barely steady but quiet. Off settlement £4,795-£4,795. off midday cash £4,785-£4,795. 3 mths £4,830-£4,835. aft close cash £4,755-£4,765. 3 mths £4,805-£4,810. T/O 876 tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): T o nil lots of 100 Troy oz each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 526·35 (523·60). 3 mths 554·20 (540·55). 6 mths 560·20 (556·90). 1 yr 591·95 (587·95).

PLATINUM: Free Market £236·20 (£235·10).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER. Spot: 66-72. Futures: Very quiet. March £680-£720. April £690-£750. May £700-£740. June £710-£750. July £720-£760. Aug. £730-£770. Sept. £740-£780. Oct. £750-£790. Nov. £755-£795. T/o 5 lots.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis $660. No. 3 Long $640. CIF Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price, raws £108-£116. No. 6 Contract $ per tonne. May 121·40-121·60. Aug. 129·20-129·30. Oct. 135·60-135·80. Dec. 142·60-145·20. March 156·60-157. May 162-162·40. Aug. 171-172·80. T/o 1,628 lots.

SOYA MEAL: Firm. April £44·20-£44·80. June £37·70-£38·20. Aug. £40-£40·20. Oct. £45·70-£46·30. Dec. £52-£52·50. Feb. £37·30-£58. April £38·70-£39·40. T/o 187 lots.

COFFEE £ per ton. March 2588. May 2440. July 2430. Sept 2510. Nov 2511. Jan 2485. Sales 1,534.

COCOA E.D. & F. Man £ per tonne: March 2,195 sell, 2,192 buy. May 2,176. 2,174. July 2,156. 2,154. Sept. 2,134. 2,132. Dec. 2,019. 2,018. March 2,010. 2,019. May 2,010. 1,995. Sales 2,087.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

BARLEY £ per ton: March 112·55. May 116·40. Sept. 96·80. Nov. 100·40. Jan. 104·15. **WHEAT** "R" £ per ton. March 114·00. May 117·95. July 121·35. Sept. 96·90. Nov. 100·10.

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. Eastern: Feed barley 110·50. East Midlands: Feed wheat 115·20 up 370. feed barley 112·60 up 130. Scotland: Feed wheat 115·60. feed barley 110·30 up 80.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·80, Dubai 27. Arab Heavy 26·60. North Sea (Forties) 27·80. North Sea (Brent) 27·80. Nigerian Bonny Medium 28·10.

GAS OIL FUTURES

GAS OIL: March 230-229·75. April 221-220·75. May 217·50-217. June 214-213·75. July 214·50-214. Aug. 219-217. Sept. 224-217. Oct. 225-217. Nov. 230-217. Total volume: 1,301. Premier Man.

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PIGMEAT (Gafta): April 108·10p. June 106·20p. Aug. 103·80p. Oct. 108·60p. Nov. 109·40p. Feb. 101·50p. T/o 6 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): April £45·80. May £49·50. Nov. £76. Feb. £79·60. April £90·80. T/o 135 lots of 40 tonnes each.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit (per lb): Eating apples 8-28. cookers 8-15; bananas 32-35; oranges 50-90; lychee 100; pears 10-28; plums 50-60; forced rhubarb 25-32; clementines 27-30; strawberries 200-240. Each: Avocado 20-38; coconut 30; dates 1lb Box 70; fresh figs 20-32; grapefruit 8-18. pink 40; Kiwi fruit 22-24; lemons 6-12; limes 16-18; mangoes 70-80; honeydew melons 70-120; oranges 4-18. temples etc. 8-18. nectarines 20-22; pineapples 65-180. pomelos 80-100.

Salad (lb): Chicory 60; cooked beet 25. raw 7; Chinese leaf 35; parsley 200; imp. tomatoes 27-42. home grown 50-80. Each: Celery 35-58; imp. cucumbers 12-34. home grown 25-40; round lettuce 13-25. iceberg 31-35, curly endives 80. Bunch: Watercress 18; spring onion 30-35, radish 20.

Vegetables (lb): Asparagus 300; root artichoke 30; aubergine 40-54; Kenya beans 75; Brussels sprouts 12-18; broad beans 50; cabbage 12; cauliflower 50; fennel 75; spring greens 25; leeks 20; mangetout 60, mushroom 70-80; onions 4-11; parsnips 7-9; turnips 11, swedes 7-9. capsicums 28-34. old potatoes 3-6. new 20-30. Each: Artichoke globe 30; sweet corn 20; cauliflower 62.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday: GB cattle 95·45p kg lw (+0·02); sheep 177·69p kg est dcw (−0·24); pigs 78·49p kg lw (−1·57). England and Wales: Cattle Nos. down 11·5 p.c., ave. price 95·55p (+0·64), sheep Nos. down 14·6 p.c., ave. price 179·05p (−1·04), pig Nos. down 4·0 p.c., ave. price 78·45p (−1·57). Scotland: Cattle Nos. down 16·6 p.c. ave price 95·04p (+0·50), sheep Nos. down 18·7 p.c., ave. price 171·34p (+2·64), pig Nos. up 1·1 p.c., ave. price 83·19p (−1·59).

LONDON TEA AUCTIONS

There were 43,052 tea packages on offer in this week's sale including 9,630 packages in the offshore section. Demand continued steady and general. Better qualities Assams irregular but sold at near previous levels; others declined 5p to 10p. Kilo. Africans were also easier by up to 15p although brighter mediums were well supported and remained about steady. Offshore offerings met a fair demand but at generally lower levels. Quality 250p nominal (306p). Medium 250p (252p). Low Medium 198p (204p).

MONEY & EXCHANGES

Pound gains in Europe

A STRONG dollar and depressed oil prices combined to knock the pound again yesterday, overshadowing news of an end to the miners' strike.

By the close, the pound was down from $1·0715 to $1·0705 after touching $1·0880 in early trading.

But the pound gained ground in terms of the German mark and other Continental currencies, with some dealers talking of modest Bank of England intervention. The sterling index ended 0·1 up at 70·9.

The dollar rose against most currencies in the absence of central bank moves to hold it down. But fears of concerted action kept its advance to modest levels.

Interest rates in London's wholesale money markets fell back on news of a return to work by miners but then stabilised as fears for sterling grew.

By the close, the key three-month interbank rate was just fractionally lower at 14 p.c. bid.

The Bank of England organised a £600m bill "repo" operation to help meet a £900m liquidity shortage in the banking system. It also bought bills to inject cash into the system.

THE POUND ABROAD

	4-3-85	Prev. close
Austria	25.31–.39	25.25–.38
Belgium*	72.59–.75	71.37–72.00
Canada	1.4854–.4922	1.4859–.4940
Denmark	12.9070–.9244	12.8530–.8930
France	11.0317–.0527	10.3180–.3587
Germany W	3.6091–.6141	3.5955–.6076
Holland	4.0856–.0955	4.0625–.0810
Ireland	1.1605–.1700	1.1436–.1565
Italy	2240.05–2247.49	2229.98–2244.77
Japan	277.96–278.58	279.42–280.40
Norway	10.3148–.3459	10.3180–.3587
Portugal	196.88–199.21	196.18–199.76
Spain	199.13–.47	198.16–199.07
Sweden	10.2099–.2409	10.1626–.2137
Switzerland	3.0930–.0975	3.0752–.0863
Utd. States	1.0700–.0710	1.0705–.0725

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index
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(Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 289.21–289.76
Australia	A$1.5125–1.5135
Brazil	Cruzeiro 4212.06–4237.45
Cyprus	C£ 0.7344–0.7390
Finland	Markka 7.4825–7.4916
Greece	Drachma 150.02–153.05
Hong Kong	HK$ 8.3470–8.3570
India	Rupee 14.0645
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3337–0.3353
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3310–0.3360
Malaysia	Ringgit 2.7800–2.7900
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 3.8820–3.9220
Singapore	S$ 2.4290–2.4390
South Africa	Rand 2.2170–2.2240
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 3.9565–3.9985

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	4-3-85	Prev. close
France	10·3125	10·2750
Germany	3·2720	3·3600
Switzerland	2·8920	2·8800
Japan	269·80	261·60
Trade weighted ave.	164·40	154·30

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:		
7 days 8¹¹⁄₁₆–8¹³⁄₁₆		1 month 9⁵⁄₁₆–9⁷⁄₁₆
3 months 9⁹⁄₁₆–9¹¹⁄₁₆		6 months 10¼–10⅜
MARKS:		
7 days 6–6⅛		1 month 6–6⅛
3 months 6⅛–6¼		6 months 6¼–6⅜
SWISS FRANCS:		
7 days 3–3¼		1 month 5⅛–5¼
3 months 5¹³⁄₁₆–5¹⁵⁄₁₆		6 months 5¾–6

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	18¼–16¼ Gro.pm	45–41½ Gro.pm
Belgium	27–21 c.pm	80–51 c.pm
Canada	0.50–0.39 c.pm	0.84–0.69 c.pm
Denmark	4–3 Ore pm	8⅛–6⅜ Ore pm
France	5⅜–5⅛ c.pm	7¼–6½ c.pm
Germany W	2⅝–2⅜ Pfg pm	6⅝–6½ Pfg pm
Holland	2⅜–2⅛ c.pm	6⅛–6⅞ c.pm
Italy	1 Lr.pm–3 Lr.dis	6–11 Lire dis
Japan	2⅛–1⅞ Yen pm	5¼–5 Yen pm
Norway	1¼–1 Ore pm	3½–2⅜ Ore pm
Portugal	175–610 c.dis	505–1380 c.dis
Spain	35–15 c pm	50–20 c.pm
Sweden	1½–¼ Ore pm	1–¼ Ore pm
Switzerland	2¾–2⅜ c.pm	6¼–5⅞ c.pm
Utd. States	0.52–0.50 c.pm	1.11–1.07 c.pm

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3 months 13⅞–14		6 months 13⅞–13½
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:		
Two days 14		Seven days 13
One month 13⅛		Three months 13⅞
BANK BILLS:		1 month 13⅞–13½
3 months 13⅞–13⅞		6 months 12⅞–12⅝
TREAS. BILLS:		1 month 13½–13½
2 months 13⅞–13⅝		3 months 13¼–13½
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3 months 13⅞–13⅝		1 year 12⅝–12⅝
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Property unitisation gets Gower blessing

By BRUCE KINLOCH

MOVES are afoot within the property industry to set up special unit trusts, or similar investment vehicles in which the only asset would be a single property. Known as the unitisation of property, the trusts *appear* to have won the blessing of Prof. Laurence Gower.

In his Review of Investor Protection, published in January, he stated: "Many of us fail to see why the public should not be allowed to invest in them so *long* at any rate as the body operating the trust is adequately regulated."

In this context "them" includes unauthorised unit trusts of real property among others.

At a recent lunch with the president of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Prof. Gower confirmed his view that unit trusts holding one property only should be considered to be acceptable vehicles for investment by the public.

If such trusts are set up to sell shares or certificates in a single building they will have a profound and far reaching *affect* on the whole property industry and will not only make the sale *of large investments easier,* but will also simplify the job of valuing real estate because there will be precise market values to use as comparables.

During the period 1978 to 1981 when pension funds were awash with cash, before property portfolio analysis shook their beliefs and investment managers were still enamoured with the idea of buying property, big was beautiful, *the larger* the building the quicker it sold.

Now, with the illiquid *nature* of the monster investments becoming the bane of fund managers lives there is not a buyer in sight and virtually every one of the major institutions has one or more of them up for grabs.

However, as fund managers are unwilling to bite the bullet and accept much less than book value for the investments, the property market is now overhung by these buildings rather than cash.

It has become clear that until pension funds and insurance companies can rid themselves of these giant investments the property *investment market will* remain quiet.

According to Richard Ellis partner *Michael Wheldon* it is now difficult to sell any property investment valued at £5 million, though many of his peers reckon that the figure should be closer to £10 million.

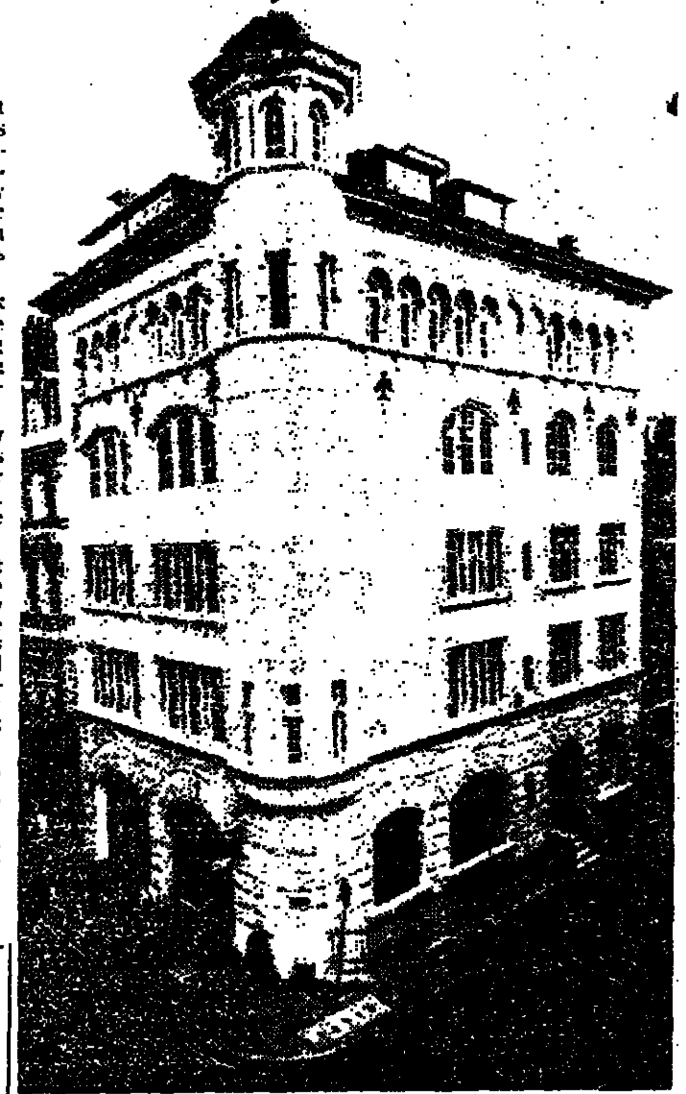
But certainly it is almost impossible to sell buildings *valued at more than* £20 million and for many months leading firms of surveyors, property companies and lawyers have been looking at ways in which buildings could be sold to groups of investors.

Apart from the complex tax and legal problems which have to be settled before launching any scheme, the overriding problem has ben the marketability of the shares or units.

Investors will want to know that their units or certificates have *the same marketability* as shares on the stock market. So far this has proved the stumbling *block.*

Various ideas have been put forward. For example, one camp wants to see a new exchange established along the *lines of the unlisted securities* market, where a background of management and accountability bearing comparison with that required by the Stock Exchange would exist.

The unitisation concept has nothing to do with the funding of new developments, and it would be unlikely that Prof. *Gower would give his blessing* to a unit trust taking on the full risk of development.



Central & City in £1m St James's project

CENTRAL & City Properties, headed by the ebullient duo, David King and John Mactaggart, which tomorrow will be launching the second phase of its major Gardiners Plaza office complex on the eastern fringe of the City of London, has made its first investment acquisitions in the West End.

It has just paid over £1 million for two adjacent properties in St James's, SW1. The largest is 112 Jermyn Street (above), which is at the corner of Babmaes Street. It is a 1900 building and Central & City has bought the head leasehold interest.

Designed as a wool warehouse in the style of an early Florentine palace it is currently divided into two shops with five office floors above. Both shops are let and the developer intends to refurbish the existing 9,000 sq. ft of offices.

The second investment is the adjoining building at 1/2 Babmaes Street, also constructed at the turn of the century. This building contains some 5,000 sq. ft of offices and was previously occupied by an advertising agency.

Central and City is now completing its plans for an extensive modernisation of the property.

Estate agents De Morgan advised Central & City in both transactions.

Cash for BR 'underneath' the arches

BRITISH RAIL is getting £14 million a year in rent from its arches and wants links with private developers to step up its £30 million plan to convert more *space under viaducts.*

In London alone the arches represent six million square feet of lettable space. Once they went mainly to car-breakers and scrap *merchants.*

Now they are *widely* used for commerce, including offices, shops, showrooms, pubs, wine bars and restaurants. They *include* such varied things as swimming pools, a golf club, gymnasia, bakeries and even an artificial ski-slope.

***One scheme is to convert 333* arches at Waterloo and another 40 arches in Bow. In Manchester, arches are to be converted for a new shopping centre.**

Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff* and Newcastle-upon-Tyne are some *cities where inner-area arches* will be converted. Others include Leamington Spa, Gateshead, Leeds, *Huddersfield* and *Sheffield.

"The demand is definitely there," said Douglas Leslie, *director of estate management for* B R Property Board.

Arbuthnot lets to Dow

ARBUTHNOT Properties and London & New York Estates, have let the joint office development *at 24 St James's* Square, S.W.1. to Dow Financial Services, a subsidiary of Dow Banking Corporation at a rent of around £30 a sq. ft.

Dow has taken the entire 17,000 sq. ft. of space in the building which is in the course *of a complet reconstruction* behind the existing facades.

Space surplus to Dow's needs is to be sub-let through Jones Lang Wootton. Sinclair Goldsmith and Thomas Deal & Partners, at a rent of around £30 a sq. ft.

Arrowcroft in £40m deal

PRIVATE property company Arrowcroft has agreed terms for the purchase of the Westgate Centre, Oxford, which it will fully enclose and upgrade to provide a *£40 million investment.* It has paid the Oxford City Council a premium for a 150-year lease on the site and will pay the council a percentage of the rental income on the shopping centre.

Shop rentals growth highest in 'poor' areas

AGENTS Healey & Baker has just produced its first property rent indices and market editorial survey under the title *Prime.* The survey reviews 1984 and the firm intends to update the report in February and July of each year.

The report looks at all *sectors* of the property market with an overview and regional analysis of retail, office and industrial property and there is a guide to various rental values, including those of the so-called high-tech properties.

One of the most interesting aspects of the first report is contained in the section on the retail market, which indicates that the three regions which saw the highest rental growth *during 1984* were the North West, North and Yorkshire and Humberside—areas which have been hit hardest by the recession.

The growth in rental values in these regions was 21·7 p.c. for the North West, 25·2 p.c. in the North and 22·3 p.c. in Yorkshire and Humberside. These increases compare with a *growth in the South East during* 1984 of only 7·5 p.c.

Healey & Baker says that it is impossible to argue that the reason for the high growth rate in rentals in the northern regions is due to an economic resurgence. The firm believes *that the growth flows from competitive* bidding for the relatively few shops or *developments to appear on* the market to meet retailers' demands.

But why has there been such low rental growth in the South East, which has been relatively *unaffected by the recession?* A breakdown of the region shows that shop rentals grew by 7·4 p.c. *in the City,* 9·1 p.c. in the West End, 6·4 p.c. in suburban London and 8·3 p.c. in South East provincial.

The report suggests that because the region has a far greater supply of property than others, it probably has, in general terms, an over-supply. Also many of the major multiple traders have already secured their *long-term* representation in London and the South East and are now looking at other regions where in the short term they need to strengthen their representation.

Healey & Baker's regional office rental indices show that the regions with the highest rental growth *in* 1984 were East Midlands, where the increase on the year was 14·5 p.c., and East Anglia where office rents rose by 15·9 p.c., compared with just 7 p.c. in the South East.

Although the report gives no indication as to why East Anglia should have recorded such high growth, it could be that the region has attracted a number of major companies relocating from central London.

In the guide to high-tech building rentals the report shows that for the very best space *the highest rents* have been achieved in East Berkshire at £9 a sq. ft., against £3 a sq. ft. in Glasgow.

Paris offices for Midland Bank

ACTING on behalf of the French government employment agency L'Association pour L'Emploi des Cadres, agents Hampton & Sons *have arranged* the assignment to the Midland Bank of the 70,000 sq. ft. office building at the corner of Rue Duret and Rue Puccini in the 16th arrondissement of Paris, close to the Etoile, between Avenue Foch and Avenue de la *Grande Armee.*

The property was acquired in 1974 by the French insurance company La Mondiale from Chesterfield Properties, which carried out the *original refurbishment.*

Wordplex in Slough

THE WATER Authorities *Superannuation Fund's* 95,000 sq. ft. 221 Concept, at Bath Road, Slough, has been pre-let at a reputed rent of £8 a sq. ft. to Wordplex Information Systems. The development which is not quite completed *will have a value in excess of* £10 million.

It is believed that the 221 Concept is the largest direct development investment in a single high-tech building, to date in the United Kingdom.

The project is managed by Beacontree Estates — jointly owned by Maidenhead-based contractors J. M. Jones & Sons and Clarke Nickolls & Coombs and Jones Lang Wootton, which *acted for the fund.*

The development is on the site of the former Berlei factory at 221 Bath Road.

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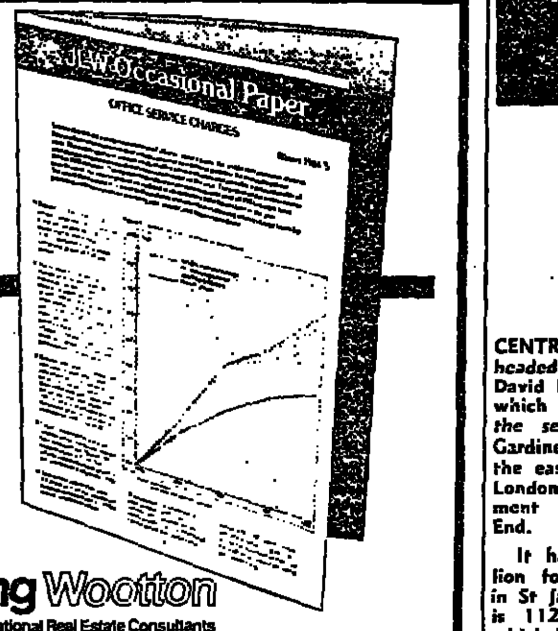

JLW has published a new study of office service charges for both air conditioned and non air conditioned buildings, which includes detailed cost breakdowns and overall trends.

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The Council therefore invites interested individuals or firms to apply for inclusion on a selected list who satisfy the Director of Social Services as to their suitability to operate a home and the adequacy of their plans for the care of residents. The home would need to meet the requirements for registration set by the local authority and/or the District Health Authority under the *Registered Homes Act, 1984.*

Those selected will be invited to submit competitive tenders for the purchase of the home. The successful purchaser will be required to enter into a collateral contract setting out, inter alia, the requirements for *resident care* which will incorporate in contractual form, therefore, provisions of 'Home Life', the Code of Practice for Residential Care.

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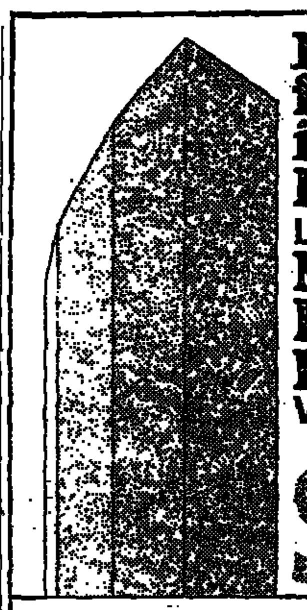

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CLASSIC WIN IS HOBBS AIM IN LAST SEASON

By HOTSPUR

GAY LEMUR, the best middle distance older colt to have stayed in training, heads the 60 horses that Bruce Hobbs will handle in his 23rd and final season with a Flat licence, but the Newmarket trainer admits that his three-year-olds hold the key to his one unfulfilled ambition.

Hobbs, 64, has trained 11 horses to be placed in English classics, but still awaits his first winner. His sole classic success was with Tyrnavos in the 1980 Irish Sweeps Derby.

Andrios, a son of Tyrnavos and carrying the same colours, is among his chief hopes for the 2,000 Guineas, along with Line Of Fire.

Hobbs said yesterday: "If I have a Derby horse it could be Jaggery, an unraced colt by Tromos."

Tromos, who went to stud in the United States, and Tyrnavos are out of Stilvi, the first horse Hobbs trained for the late George Cambanis. Stilvi's son Tanaos (by Grundy) and her grand-daughter Sariza (by Posse out of Tolmi) are among the stable's most promising two-year-olds.

Hobbs said: "I thought that when my owners knew this was to be my last season, the number of two-year-olds might suffer, but that hasn't been the case, and I'm very excited about them. I shall have runners at the first meeting at Doncaster and I'll be going right to the end."

Gay Lemur, who had only the gelding Bedtime rated above him among the older horses who have remained in training, will be aimed at the John Porter Stakes and Jockey Club Stakes, both of which he won last year, before the Coronation Cup.

Yesterday, Hobbs was at the National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket to hand over for display the saddle on which he became the youngest rider to win the Grand National, on Battleship in 1938, and the whip he carried that day and when winning further Nationals in Wales, the United States and Palestine.

The Museum, which opens its third season on Saturday, also accepted a bronze of Ardross, loaned by Philip Blacker, from Henry Cecil, and Angela Conner's bronze of Park Top from the Duke of Devonshire. A Friends of the Museum scheme has been introduced to enable support from individuals for an annual subscription of £10.

Later this month, Hobbs will be at Aintree for a reunion of Grand National winners. Several Liverpool outsiders are in action today, when Musso may be foiled by Arabian Music at Folkestone (3.45) but Immigrate and Last Suspect are selected to press their claims by winning at Sedgefield (3.15) and Warwick (3.0).

Lucky Vane, among the National favourites, misses Warwick because trainer Toby Balding considers the ground too soft. He would have carried 11st 8lb today, but will run instead under 12st 4lb in Saturday's Sandown Open Handicap 'Chase.

Colin Magnier, who won the Champion Hurdle three years ago on For Auction and in 1983 was second in the National on Greasepaint, will miss both big meetings this year after being suspended yesterday for a month by stewards of the Irish National Hunt Committee.

The stewards had inquired into Magnier's weighing in 10lb heavier than when he weighed out to ride Dark Ivy, second to Buck House at Leopardstown on Feb. 20.

Willie Shoemaker became the first jockey to amass winnings of more than $100 million (£94·5m) when he won the Santa Anita Handicap on Lord At War, whom he rode in preference to Greinton, the runner-up.

TODAY'S WARWICK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
2.0—Periscope	2.0—Periscope	2.0—Down Flight
2.30—Johns Present	2.30—JOHNS PRESENT (nap)	2.30—Johns Present
3.0—Last Suspect	3.0—Ardent Spy	3.0—Last Suspect
3.30—Hot Fever	——	3.30—HOT FEVER (nap)
4.0—TORYMORE GREEN (nap)	4.0—Torymore Green	4.0—Kitty Buskins
4.30—Turkoman	——	4.30—Prince's Drive

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Holly Buoy (2.45, Sedgefield) and Torymore Green.
TONY STAFFORD.—Ardent Spy (3.0).

Memberson jumps into the lead on his way to winning yesterday's March Handicap 'Chase at Windsor.

Course Notes & Hints

PRESENT IS BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

RICHARD HOLDER has found an ideal opportunity for JOHNS PRESENT* to open his account over fences in today's Eastgate Novices' 'Chase (2.30) at Warwick.

Winner of two hurdle races last season, Johns Present showed his turn over fences would not be far away when running the useful Mr Moonraker to two lengths at Lingfield Park last week.

Johns Present takes on lesser opposition here and with the testing conditions in his favour he is a confident choice.

Periscope, who put in a pleasing effort when fifth to Tamino on similar ground at Towcester last month, may foil likely favourite, Down Flight in the Watergall Novices' Hurdle (Div I—2.0).

Torymore Green is fancied for Div II (4.0) and Ardent Spy, who has been running as if he would be suited by a severe test of stamina, may land the Crudwell Cup Handicap 'Chase (3.0).

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WARWICK

Course Winners.—3.0 (3½m 180y 'ch): Ardent Spy (3m 'ch), Mid Day Gun (3½m 300y 'ch, 3½m 180y 'ch), Bonum Omen (4m 1f 'ch). 3.30 (3½m 'ch): Hot Fever (2½m 'ch). 4.30 (2m hdle): Prince's Drive (2m hdle).

Jockeys (since August 1979).—R. Davies 20, Webber 14, Morshead 11, Webb 10, Smith Eccles 9, Mooney 8, McCourt 7, Francome 6, Pusey 6, C. Smith 6, Crank 5, Suthern 5.

Trainers.—Walwyn 18, Armytage 12, Webber 11, Forster 10, Balding 9, Henderson 9, Edwards 8, Gandolfo 6, Nicholson 6, Pitman 6, Spearing 6, Rimell 6.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings: Bangor-on-Dee, "soft"; Catterick Bridge, "good to firm."

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

SEDGEFIELD: 2.15 Ascot Again; 2.45 Steneggar; 3.15 Solo Sam; 3.45 Cornering; 4.15 Hazy Day (nap); 4.45 Doctor Wooley.

'King' on target for Foxhunters'

PROMINENT KING, who runs in next week's Christies Foxhunters' 'Chase at Cheltenham, delighted connections with his first success of the season in yesterday's Sturgess of Leicester Hunters' 'Chase.

Tim Easterby, who rode the 13-year-old to a half-length victory over the odds-on Elmboy said: "He was not right in last year's Foxhunters' when finishing fifth."

"Prominent King can still produce a turn of foot and would prefer good to soft ground at Cheltenham. He had to work hard today against a good horse and I don't know whether he is quite as good as he was."

Yesterday's success was the 17th under Rules for the Peter Easterby-trained gelding who has earned more than £47,000 in prize money.

Greenall's double

Peter Greenall, twice champion amateur rider, completed a double with Robson, who made a winning debut under Rules in the Garthorpe Maiden Hunters' 'Chase, and Cheekio Ora (Thrusters Hunters' 'Chase).

Rugy won at the meeting for the third successive year when repeating his victory of 12 months ago in the Melton Hunt Club Hunters' 'Chase. John Wrathall partnered the gelding after his intended rider Caroline Saunders was kicked in the back when falling with Harringworth in the opening race.

Welsh Warrior's 10-length victory in the Thames Novices' Hurdle (Div 1) at Windsor earned him a place in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle on Cheltenham's opening day.

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS.

WARWICK.—2.0, De Breffni. FOLKESTONE.—1.45, Tin Boy; 3.15, The Owls; 4.45, Old Spot.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Johns Present (2.30 Warwick) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

Horse Trials

BACKING FOR LEMIEUX

By ALAN SMITH

ROBERT LEMIEUX is to be sponsored in horse trials by Beefeater Steak Houses in a deal worth £25,000.

The contract is for one year but both sponsor and rider are looking for a "long-term commitment" of at least three years.

Lemieux, 24, and his horse The Gamesmaster made such an impression last year they were chosen for the Olympic Games three-day event team without previous championship experience. But The Gamesmaster was unable to compete in Los Angeles because of an infection.

Mary Thompson, 23, whose Divers Rock was the biggest points-earner in horse trials last season, is to be sponsored by the Carphone Company this year.

WINDSOR RESULTS

Going: Hdle, SOFT; 'Ch: GOOD TO SOFT

1.30: FINAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS N HDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £670 2m 30y
BEAMING LASS, b or br m by Silly Season—Oh Well (R. J. Hosgres) 6 10-9 S. Earle 11-1 1
PAMPERED GIPSY, b g Pampapaul—Gib's Heart (R. Baker) 6 11-5 L. Evans 6-1 2
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, ch g Rid Request—Lovely Season (J. Brradi) 6 10-9 M. Jenkins 25-1 3
Also: 3F Paramount (6th), 11-2 Roland, 7 Kerry's Court (p.u.), Soroill Emcee (p.u.), 8 Solxeole Oniaze (4th), 11 Indy's Boy (f), 12 Mummy's Favour (b.d.), 14 Straits Chandeller (b.d.), 20 Linton Glen, 25 Bill Breaker, Mention (5th), Lotus Dancer (b.d.), Comhampton. 16 ran. 6l, 3l, 11l, 10l, 11l. (R. Hodges, Somerton.) Tote: win, £8·40; places, £3·00, £1·90, £3·40. Dual F'cast: £25·10. SPSF: £79·36. NR's: Gods Will, Native Son. Winner bought for 1,150 guineas by Mr H. K. Mann.
2.0: THAMES NOV HDLE (Div. I) £811 2m 30y
WELSH WARRIOR, ch g Barcas—Sovereign Gone (H. Joel) 5 11-7 Steve Knight 11-10F 1
TICKITE BOO, ch g Laurence O—Charity Mal (W. O'Gorman) 5 11-0 P. Scudamore 11-2 2
CRISP, b c Sallust—Arctic Lace (J. Levy) 4 10-7 M. Perrett 20-1 3
Also: 11-2 Marchand, 10 Averon (5th), 12 Rum (4th), Simple Melody, 16 Bruannan, 20 Captain Webster (6th), 25 Dancing Time (p.u.), Princes Postum, 33 Fighting Rocket, Godfrey Baram, Grammar (p.u.), Flare Singe (p.u.), Precious Girl, Gooseberry, L'Affaire Dargent (f). 18 ran. 10l, 4l, 10l. (A. Turnell, Marlborough.) Tote: win, £1·80; places, £1·10, £1·80, £5·40. Dual F'cast: £6·70. SPSF: £5·80. NR's: Mannie-Bugs, Rodnees, Toro, Blencher.
2.30: FINAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS N HDLE (Div. II) £664 2m 30y
SILVER ACE, ch g Son of Silver—Bunnyclub (M. Pipe) 6 10-9 J. Lower 6-1 1
TRIP END, b m Tudor Rhythm—Flora Leigh (G. Groves) 5 10-4 G. Hower 7-1 2
SUPER DIP, b m Golden Dipper—Miss Twist (J. Laming) 4 10-2 M. Roid 20-1 3
Also: 5-2F Topori (4th), 4 Hasty Thief, 9-2 Market Rum (p.u.), 5 No Fluke (6th), 12 Tender Love (5th), 20 Full Brigade (f), Shirley Crenella (f), Why the Bustle (p.u.), 25 Dereta's Delight (p.u.), 33 Capa, No Sale, Irish Guest, Govan Princess, Smooth Operator. 17 ran. 20l, 25l, 11l, 15l, 10l. (M. Pipe, Wellington.) Tote: win, £8·50; places, £2·80, £1·90, £1·50. Dual F'cast: £101·30. SPSF: £54·45. Winner bought in for 5,000 gns.
3.0: MARCH H'CAP 'CH. £1,732 3½m
MEMBERSON, ch g New Member—Miss Stalbridge (P. Dufosee) 7 10-0 B. Powell 5-1 1
FREDWEL, ch g Fred Morris—Rowell (W. Warner) 10 10-7 S. Morshead 5-1 2
FRED PILLINER, b g Canch—Bird of Honour (N. Johnson) 8 11-7 M. Williams 7-2JF 3
Also: 7-2JF Leander Rise (4th), 6 De Piusinel (5th), 7 Ensino (p.u.), 14 Rib Law, Roman Bistro (p.u.), 25 Snaspalls (p.u.), 66 Wealth O'Wiltshire (p.u.), 100 Jon (p.u.). 11 ran. 1l, 30l, 12l, 1½l, 20l. (P. Dufosee, Warminster.) Tote: win, £6·40; places, £2·30, £1·70, £1·70. Dual F'cast: £24·10. SPSF: £39·70. Tricast: £92·55.
3.30: FREDDIE STARR CHALLENGE TROPHY H'CAP HDLE £3,061 2½m
GOING BROKE, b m Burling—Spring Maiden (J. O'Neill) 5 10-0 A. Webber 10-1 1
CLINKER, gr g Sagittarius—Burning Deck (A. King) 5 10-1 Mr M. Bosley 12-1 2
POLISH, gr g Tycoon—Pre-bine (R. Brookhouse) 7 10-0 S. Webb 20-1 3
OREGON TRAIL, b g Auction Ring—Oriental Star (V. Poindexter) 5 9-13 R. Chapman 4-1F 4
Also: 5 Lochholm, 11-2 Dinger, 15-2 Rebel (p.u.), 10 Sinzane, Willowood (p.u.), 14 Comedian, Kessel, 16 Cross Master (6th), 20 Rough Course (p.u.), 33 Chip Sandia Fisher (p.u.), Reform Fair, Corfe Calleh (p.u.), The Disco Dago (6th), Skipper, F'tin (f.u.). 21 ran. 6l, 12l, 10l, 5l, 2l. (D. Murray Smith, Upper Lambourn.) Tote: win, £14·80; places, £5·50, £3·40, £12·60, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £75·70. SPSF: £179·04. Tricast: £1,189·46. NR: Tria.
4.0: COLLEGE NOV H'CAP 'CH £1,379 2m 5f
LE GRAN BUN, b g Our Native—Summary Procedure (Mrs S. Pollard) 7 10-5 R. Strange 33-1 1
TRICKY BUSINESS, br or b g Tycoon II—Gay Trysta (J. Reid) 7 10-1 G. Moore 11-2 2
AFRICAN STAR, b g Starfitt—African Lily (Mrs J. Berry) 7 10-6 R. Hoare 33-1 3
ROMAN'S MIX, ch m Roman Warrior—Granny Smith (J. Sherwood) 6 11-4 R. Dunwoody 5-2F 4
Also: 6 Ballinor Lillie, 15-2 The Royal Combe (6th), 7 Palatinate (f), Rebel (p.u.), 8 Two Eagles, 10 Parish Hound (p.u.), 16 Tim Will (p.u.), Mr Tarder (p.u.), 20 Aerman (p.u.), Fingerkin, 33 Panda Mia (p.u.), Beauty Moon, The Music (p.u.), Beechwood Lad (f), Slot (p.u.), Swimoun. 18 ran. 12l, 3l, sh hd, 6l, 3l. (J. Berry, Swimoun.) Tote: win, £25·70; places, £5·70, £2·60, £5·10, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £50·60. SPSF: £235·04. Tricast: £1,561·95.
4.30: THAMES NOV HDLE (Div. II) £809 2m 30y
KESSLIN, b g Derrylin—Kessella (I. Jones) 5 11-0 J. White 5-1 1
KESCAST, b g Sir Pedus—Jokkin (J. Moon) 5 11-7 B. Powell 11-2 2
ISOM DART, b g Bold Lad—Shellnick (J. Delaney) 6 11-7 B. Wright 12-1 3
Also: 2F The Argonaut (6th), 5 Curd Scent (4th), 10 Open the Box (5th), 14 Son's Mount, 16 Cygnet, Marie Devon Song, Delcombe Lad, Volgalo, 20 Nowhere Band, Prentice, 50 J. Raggio Sol, 33 Chas. Harris, Shiono, Aunam Hotel, For Valour (p.u.), Rain, Castrobuff, Purnt Blank, Rams Elsen Echo. 22 ran. 1½l, 8l, 12l, 10l, 7l. (A. Vivers, Upper Lambourn.) Tote: win, £6·10; places, £1·70, £1·70, £5·80. Dual F'cast: £26·80. SPSF: £39·48.
PLACEPOT: £217·50.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow is engaged today.

Rowing

Boat Race crews take back seat

By GEOFFREY PAGE

THE training of the Boat Race crews, in the vital consolidating phase before arriving on the Tideway on March 25 for their final spell, was less spectacular last week than the considerable rowing activity elsewhere.

Last Saturday saw the final stages of both the Lent Races at Cambridge and the Oxford Torpids. In the Lents Downing more than justified their reputation and as expected, were far and away the best crew.

They rowed over each evening well ahead of the field to retain the Headship. Lower down the First Division Pembroke made four bumps to finish in fifth place, but otherwise there was little change in the order near the top.

At Oxford, the main honours went to Oriel. Not only did they stretch their run as Head of the River to a second 14th consecutive year, but their second boat made a remarkable four bumps to finish fourth, which must surely be a record for a second boat.

New leaders

Other crews at Oxford to impress were Lincoln and St Catherine's, both of whom won their oars with four bumps apiece, and New College, who failed by feet on the last day to win their oars.

There were new leaders in the women's divisions, Jesus taking over at Cambridge and St Hugh's at Oxford, but the main interest in women's rowing last weekend centred on the Head of the River on the Tideway, which attracted 67 eights.

This was won by an A R A scullers' composite who included world silver medallist Beryl Mitchell. They won by nearly 15 seconds from another composite made up mainly of internationals, who were in turn nearly eight seconds ahead of the official A R A squad eight.

The Oxford University women's crew, starting 32nd as a new entry, finished fifth, more than two seconds ahead of Cambridge, who started third, which promises a hard-fought race on March 31, when the women's and lightweight Boat Races take place at Henley.

Boustead cup

Also on the Tideway last weekend was the annual race between London and Thames for the Boustead Cup over the reverse Boat Race course from Mortlake to Putney.

After a false start, London held Thames for about half a minute, but thereafter Thames, always under rating their opponents, drew steadily ahead.

This is the 125th anniversary of Thames's foundation and they celebrated it on Sunday by also winning the races for the second, third and novice eights, though London had some consolation with wins at Senior C and Veteran level.

Cross-Country

ONE-TEAM BRITAIN PLANNED

By KEN MAYS

BRITAIN'S cross-country athletes will be cut down to size if the rest of the International Amateur Athletic Federation get their wish when they meet in Lisbon on March 22.

They are intent that the days when England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales all sent teams to the World Championships must be ended this year and in future Great Britain will be the only representatives.

John Holt, secretary of the I A A F, said: "There has always been arguments over this question, but the delegates seem more determined now that only one team from Britain should take part."

With a nine-strong men's team, six women and six juniors, plus a few officials from each at present, the British contingent extends to more than 100, but in future it will be about 25.

Stronger position

With the I A A F now paying for all accommodation of teams taking part in this year's championships in Lisbon on Mar. 24 and 50 per cent. of the fares in future they will save more than £20,000 from Britain alone.

In the meantime, Rob Harrison, of Liverpool, winner of the 800 metres gold medal at the European Championships in Athens, will run the mile in the Kodak Classic at Cosford on Saturday in an attempt to break the British record of 4 minutes 0·5 seconds set by Alan Salter two years ago.

Harrison was due to run 800 metres, but has been switched.

FOLKESTONE SEVEN-RACE CARD

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
1.45—Fire Bay	1.45—Diamonds High
2.15—City Marathon	2.15—Runwick Prospect
2.45—Wassem	2.45—Cay Raveal
3.15—The Owls	3.15—Mister Pitt
3.45—Arabian Music	3.45—Musso
4.15—Corked	4.15—Corked
4.45—Jacuzzi	

Advance official going: 'Chase SOFT, hdles HEAVY

1.45: DEAL NOVICES' HURDLE Penalty Value £675 2m 110y (19 declared)

5 0P Centaur Song, R. Sturnn, 5 10-13 ... J. H. Davies
11 5-PP Habalino, B. Stevens, 7 10-13 ... C. Brown
12 5-00 Homeward, Mrs N. Smith, 5 10-13 ... —
19 3 Sailing By (BF), J. Jenkins, 7 10-13 J. Francome
20 00-0 Song Boy, R. Hodges, 6 10-13 ... C. Gray
22 03 Superline, P. W. Harris, 6 10-13 ... R. Strange
23 023 The Tariahs, D. Thom, 6 10-13 Mr D. Murphy (4)
24 020 Tin Boy, D. Rinner, 6 10-13 ... S. McNeill
29 PF Crusty Pie, O. Henley, 7 10-8 W. Elderfield (4)
33 304 Atkins, Mrs S. Smith, 4 10-5 ... R. Campbell (4)
34 0 Cmahor, C. Read, 4 10-5 ... M. Perrett
35 304 Diamonds High, P. Mitchell, 4 10-5 Mr S. Sherwood
36 PP3 Ewell Place, A. Ingham, 4 10-5 ... R. Arnott (7)
37 3 Fire Bay, P. Hunter, 4 10-5 ... R. Rowe
40 03 Courtion Bell, M. Masson, 4 10-5 ... R. Goldstein
41 Sandyla (BL), F. R. Harries, 4 10-5 ... P. Carvill
42 0 Straphanger, M. Usher, 4 10-5 ... M. Caswell
43 04 Yeard, A. Davison, 4 10-5 ... —
46 FR Summerhill Gold, Miss A. Sinclair, 4 10-0 P. Dever

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Fire Bay, 7-2 Sailing By, 9-2 Diamonds High, 11-2 The Tariahs, 7 Tin Boy, 9 Atkins, 12 Song Boy, 16 others.

2.15: WINCHELSEA NOVICES' SELLING 'CHASE £896 2½m (16)

1 245 City Marathon, J. Thick-Heyer, 7 11-9 R. Goldstein
3 3P0 Barnaby Rudge (BL), Peter Taylor, 7 11-3 M. Bastard
7 023 Broken Flight, J. D. J. Davies, 8 11-2 J. Lovejoy
8 P-FF Captain America (BL), D. Goodwin, 9 11-2 J. Barlow
11 0-04 Courting Boy, Mrs S. Oliver, 8 11-2 ... R. Hyett
15 43P Lawrence-Lee, G. Graces, 8 11-2 Lorna Vincent
14 R43 Lucky Gem, A. Moore, 8 11-2 Miss C. Moore (7)
13 204 Middle-Mark (BL), M. Madgwick, 7 11-2 A. Madgwick (4)
17 P-PF Prince Pirate, O. Henley, 10 11-2 ... P. Dever
19 023 Runwick Prospect, Miss L. Bower, 9 11-2 Mr S. Sherwood
20 UP2 Show Me The Way, K. Bailey, 10 11-2 R. Rowe
21 33F Sock Dennis, R. Hodges, 9 11-2 ... Mr R. Callow
23 P-04 Tullmay, R. Parker, 7 11-2 ... M. Perrett
25 040 Upper Note, M. O'Halloran, 7 11-2 ... G. Moore
26 0PP Weaverslake, A. Neaves, 9 11-2 ... B. Powell
31 0PP- Sweet Enchantment, B. Stevens, 8 10-11 J. H. Davies

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Show Me The Way, 7-2 Runwick Prospect, 9-2 City Marathon, 11-2 Broken Flight, 7 Lucky Gem, 9 Middle-Mark, 12 Sock Dennis, 16 others.

2.45: HYTHE NOVICES' HURDLE £565 2¾m (15)

2 41 Gay Razral, O. Sherwood, 6 11-7 Mr S. Sherwood
5 000 Martial Commander, C. Read, 5 11-7 M. Perrett
6 015 The Jostian (CD), P. Haynes, 6 11-7 J. Francome
7 F0 Aldri, P. W. Harris, 6 11-0 ... R. Strange
9 P-FP Bad Love, O. Henley, 11 11-0 ... P. Dever
13 0-0 Come Alive, J. Gifford, 8 11-0 ... R. Rowe
15 0-01 Golden Rambler, R. Voss, 7 11-0 ... R. Rowell
18 034 Kinsbourne Lad, M. Cottrell, 5 11-0 M. Hammond
23 033 Major Tom, Miss L. Bower, 7 11-0 ... —
24 1F Noble Liver, C. Browns, 5 11-0 ... M. Furlong
26 0P-3 Prince Fells, D. Browning, 5 11-0 ... J. Akehurst
27 023 Royal Barron, G. Graces, 7 11-0 Lorna Vincent
39 524 Cumin Con, W. Kemp, 4 10-5 ... S. Shilston
43 004 Taras Chariot (BF), P. Mitchell, 4 10-5 P. Barton
44 502 Wassem, J. Jenkins, 4 10-5 ... —

Major Tom runs 3.15 race, states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Golden Rambler, 11-4 The Jostian, 4 Wassem, 6 Prince Fells, 8 Taras Chariot, 10 Come Alive, 14 others.

3.15: ERIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,373 2¾m (14)

5 001 Mister Pitt (BL) (D), T. M. Jones, 6 11-7 P. Corrigan (7)
6 004 City Link Express, D. A. Wilson, 8 11-1 R. Arnott (4)
7 213 Ruseborough, R. Wiles, 4 10-13 ... R. Rowell
11 033 The Owls, M. Tompkins, 6 10-7 ... J. Barlow
13 043 High Heaven (BL), A. Moore, 7 10-7 Miss C. Moore (7)
15 F23 Fire Tale, M. Cornell, 9 10-7 ... E. Murphy (7)
14 0-PP Kildare Lad, M. Madgwick, 5 10-7 ... A. Stringer
15 025 Major Tom, Miss L. Bower, 8 10-7 Mr M. Low (4)
16 050 Linton, R. Stevens, 11 10-7 ... C. Brown
20 F13 Smoker, P. W. Harris, 7 10-7 ... R. Strange
21 024 On Trust, D. Browning, 8 10-7 ... J. Akehurst
22 003 Wardel, Mrs R. Murdoch, 7 10-7 ... G. Moore
23 600 Vagabond Victor (C), P. Allingham, 9 10-7 M. Hammond
25 00/P Prince Helen (BL), P. R. Harris, 9 10-7 P. Carvill

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Mister Pitt, 5 Ruseborough, 4 Smoker, 6 High Heaven, 8 Major Tom, 10 City Link Express, 14 others.

3.45: GAY RECORD CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,026 3¼m (5)

1 212 Musso, F. Winter, 9 12-3 ... B. de Haan
3 P10 Arabian Music, J. Gifford, 10 10-11 ... R. Rowe
4 112 Castle Warden (BF), J. Edwards, 8 10-9 P. Barton
6 PP-P Town Councellor, D. Browning, 12 10-7 J. Akehurst
10 114 Grainuemamanagh, Miss L. Bower, 10 10-1 R. Rowell

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Castle Warden, 9-4 Musso, 7-2 Arabian Music, 8 Grainuemamanagh, 16 Town Councellor.

4.15: TENTERDEN HUNTERS' 'CHASE (Amateur Riders) £894 2½m (15)

1 1-11 Corked (C/D), Mrs A. Villar, 6 12-4 S. Sherwood
3 010 Seaban Dam, P. Oliver, 11 12-0 ... —
4 0-P- Beggar's Bush, Mrs L. Baker, 7 11-9 N. Wheeler (7)
5 41-0 Elt Bon, R. Fox, 11 11-9 P. Harding-Jones (7)
6 442- Burn Nooka (BL), W. Kemp, 8 11-9 R. Munro-Wilson
7 0.0- Clonmomen, R. Muir, 1 011-9 ... P. Hacking (7)
9 P1P- Daviol, R. Morton, 11 11-9 ... C. Newport (7)
11 FP3- Freddie Boy, R. Parker, 8 11-9 T. Grantham (7)
11 5-3- French Saint, C. Sporborg, 11 11-9 W. Sporborg (7)
15 0P- Hilton Jn, M. J. Smith, 13 11-9 ... J. Smith (7)
15 411- Mr Irestower, M. Francis, 10 11-9 T. Thomson-Jones
17 P00/ Red Ronan, Mrs P. Stern, 12 11-9 ... P. Stern (7)
20 6-3/ Verendles, Mrs L. Arthur, 10 11-9 Miss J. Arthur (7)
21 12P- Anders Green (C), D. Gibbon, 11 11-4 Mrs L. Gibbon
22 12-P Squiffy's Daughter, D. Campbell Nisbet, 10 11-4 Miss S. French (7)

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Corked, 7-2 Seaban Dam, 9-2 Burn Nooka, 7 Anders Green, 10 Elt Bon, 12 others.

4.45: BOURNE LEISURE GROUP NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE £702 2m 110y (20)

1 Malrem's Manor, P. Hedger, 5 11-10 I. Shoemark
4 Cordale, N. Gaselee, 5 11-10 ... A. Adams
6 Hepetol Kabo, J. Gifford, 5 11-10 ... M. Palmer
7 32- Jacuzzi, P. Haynes, 5 11-10 ... P. Corrigan
8 Lucky Charlie, F. Winter, 5 11-10 Mr C. Brookes (7)
10 Northern Gala, D. A. Wilson, 6 11-10 R. Arnott
11 Old Spot, A. Bailey, 5 11-10 Miss S. Margarets
12 Sky Blue Singer, J. Gifford, 5 11-10 E. Murphy (7)
15 Sound Free, A. Wiles, 5 11-10 ... G. Madgwick (7)
16 Empress Josephine, L. Bower, 5 11-5 Miss A. Newton-Smith (7)
17 [illegible], R. Champion, 5 11-5 Mr M. Low
18 Loblolly, Mrs A. Finch, 5 11-5 ... Mr J. Mead
19 Love From Judy, O. Sherwood, 5 11-5 Mr S. Sherwood
20 Midas Belle, P. Mitcham, 5 11-5 Mr T. Grantham (7)
21 Vulparez, D. Grissell, 6 11-5 ... Miss J. Arthur (7)
24 Full Spate, D. Browning, 4 11-2 Miss C. Moore (7)
25 Milbird, J. O'Donoghue, 4 11-2 Mr W. Sim (4)
31 Little Krirma, W. Kemp, 4 10-11 ... —
32 Miss Chatters, M. Madgwick, 4 10-11 Mr D. Madgwick (7)
35 Rings (FR), R. Hodges, 4 10-11 W. Simpson (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 3-2 Lucky Charlie, 5-2 Hepetol Kabo, 9-2 Jacuzzi, 6 Love From Judy, 8 Galeway Girl, 10 Sky [illegible]

Warwick runners, riders and form guide

Advance Official Going: HEAVY

2.0: WATERGALL NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £781 2m 5f (25 declared)

3 F0 BEARCONE (A. Portman), A. Portman, 5 11-2 ... A. Webber
5 0 BRENDON PRINCE (H. Handel), H. Handel, 6 11-2 Miss H. Handel (7)
6 0U BROUGHTON STAR (R. Dineen), T. Forster, 5 11-2 R. Dunwoody
8 P00-00 CELTIC CAPRI (J. Cork), J. Cork, 6 11-2 ... J. Frost
9 0 CHANCE FACT (J. Stratton), A. Chamberlain, 5 11-2 A. Chamberlain
11 4/00 DAINTY JOE (J. Bowyer), Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones, 9 11-2 J. Suthern
12 00 DE BREFFNI (Ladbroke Racing Ltd), R. Champion, 6 11-2 G. McCourt
15 4353 DOWN FLIGHT (BF) (A. Allright), C. Holmes, 5 11-2 ... A. Webb
17 00F0-3 FUN PARTNER (Mrs G. Phillips), T. Forster, 6 11-2 H. Davies
20 05/0020 HURRICANE HILL (Motor Auction Group Ltd), B. Stevens, 8 11-2 ... —
21 0409 JOHN'S SECRET (Miss Y. Ellis), K. Bridgwater, 5 11-2 W. Worthington (7)
23 0000 MARK PALMER (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5 11-2 P. Scudamore
25 00 PARATROOP (P. Wills), C. Miller, 7 11-2 ... —
26 00 PERISCOPE (Lord Mostyn), N. Henderson, 5 11-2 ... J. White
27 0 PRINCE VIDAR (Miss P. Neal), Miss P. Neal, 6 11-2 ... R. Hoare
30 T402F4 SENRAB (C. Barnes), J. Old, 9 11-2 ... P. Murphy
31 PP0U00 STARGAZE (BL) (P. Smith), M. C. Chapman, 5 11-2 G. Evans (7)
35 400/F- ANCIENT ARCH (Mrs A. Phipps), Mrs A. Phipps, 10 10-11 ... —
36 00F-0 ANNA'S MITE (J. Blakeney), R. Blakeney, 6 10-11 ... R. Linley
37 0 CHANELLE (T. Hodgkins), B. Cambidge, 5 10-11 Mr J. Cambidge (4)
39 DOUBLE MEASURE (Mrs C. O'Sullivan), O. Sherwood, 5 10-11 C. Cox (7)
41 00F-P0 GOOSE GREEN (Mrs J. Bissill), Mrs D. Williams, 5 10-11 J. Bryan
43 40 LIQUER CANDY (Mrs A. Wakeham), J. Webber, 6 10-11 G. Mernagh
44 NIPS AND SNIPS (Mrs J. Rose), Mrs J. Barrow, 6 10-11 Peter Hobbs
51 0 VILLAGE POACHER (W. Ratcliffe), T. Bill, 4 10-7 G. Williams (7)
Hurricane Hill non-runner states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Down Flight, 100-30 Fun Partner, 5 Periscope, 6 Double Measure, 8 Broughton Star, 14 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Down Flight was beaten 5l by Mi Dad (rec 7lb) over today's course (2m) Feb 5 with Broughton Star (level) out of first 9 (soft). Hurricane Hill was beaten 2½l by Wigburn (rec 14lb) at Ludlow (2m) Feb 6 (good to soft). Fun Partner was beaten 3½l when 3rd to Lord Merlin (level) at Devon (2m 1f) Nov 13 (soft). Periscope was beaten 9¾l when 5th to Tamino (rec 9lb) at Towcester (2m) Jan 31 with Sturgess (rec 7lb) 10th of 15 (soft).

DOWN FLIGHT has sound claims. Periscope next best.

2.30: EASTGATE NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,414 2m (15)

4 202F02 AWNING (M. Henriques), M. Henriques, 7 11-1 Mr M. Armytage (7)
8 04FFFU FARE LOVE (E. Evans), E. Evans, 6 11-1 ... P. Warner
11 040000 HIGH RIDGE (BL) (E. Lodge), J. Perrett, 6 11-1 ... A. Webber
13 015-PPF HURRY UP HENRY (Lady H. St George), T. Forster, 6 11-1 H. Davies
14 454042 JOHNS PRESENT (P. Deming), R. Holder, 7 11-1 ... P. Richards
17 0000 MALAPERT (R. Frost), R. Frost, 6 11-1 ... J. Frost
18 0P30-0P MANDY'S SEAL (Miss J. Wood), J. L. Harris, 7 11-1 ... —
19 0/000-34 MAN OF MARK (Mrs A. Helbert), T. Forster, 6 11-1 R. Dunwoody
21 F403 NONSTOP (H. Harper-Crewe), P. O'Connor, 6 11-1 G. Newman
22 0-00000 PAN ARCTIC (Mrs R. Bill), T. Bill, 6 11-1 ... Philip Hobbs
23 1/00000- SHINING TUSK (C. Culleton), Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones, 7 11-1 J. Suthern
25 00P-PP BLOND SOLDIER (Mrs N. Davies), N. Twiston Davies, 7 10-10 S. Morshead
26 P/PP- CINDY'S RIVAL (W. Kelly), J. Webber, 7 10-10 ... G. McCourt

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Johns Present, 100-30 Man Of Mark, 5 Hurry Up Henry, 6 Awning, 10 Nonstop, Pan Arctic, 12 Cindy's Rival, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Johns Present was beaten 2l by Mr Moonraker (gave 4lb) at Lingfield (2½m) Feb 28 (soft). Awning was beaten 12l by Ten Bears (gave 11lb) at Fontwell (2m 2½f) Feb 4 (soft). Nonstop was beaten 12l, hd, when 3rd to Dixton House (gave 6lb) at Leicester (2m hdle) Jan 29 (heavy). Man Of Mark was a bad 4th to Stray Shot (gave 18lb) at Huntingdon (2½m) Dec 26 (soft).

JOHNS PRESENT is preferred to Awning

3.0: CRUDWELL CUP HANDICAP 'CHASE £4,175 3½m 180y (13)

2 0-1F3F3 ARDENT SPY (C) (G. Taylor), R. Armytage, 8 11-7 A. Webber
3 210P-12 LAST SUSPECT (Anne Duchess of Westminster), T. Forster, 11 11-6 ... H. Davies
4 24-2310 MUSSO (R. Bott Wigmore St Ltd), F. Winter, 9 11-1 ... —
5 F11-40P ARMAGNAC PRINCESS (R. Frost), R. Frost, 13 10-12 J. Frost
8 432018 MID DAY GUN (CD) (R. Gibbons), J. Webber, 11 10-2 A. Webb
9 310FF-0 SOLIHULL SPORT (Solihull Sports Serv Ltd), J. Spearing, 11 10-0 ... S. Morshead
10 3-31444 BALLMILAN (F. Sheridan), F. Sheridan, 8 10-2 ... G. Newman
12 F020P3 WINNING BRIEF (M. O'Grady), M. Naughton, 10 10-1 S. Keightley
13 014200 PORT ASKAIG (Lord Chelsea), T. Forster, 10 10-1 R. Dunwoody
14 F0U144 SUCCEEDED (BF) (W. A. Stephenson), W. A. Stephenson, 8 10-0 ... —
15 004-PF0 BONUM OMEN (C) (L. Thwaites), F. Walwyn, 11 10-0 K. Mooney
16 0PP-P00 DRUMCONDRA (J. Tainton), Mrs S. Tainton, 10 10-0 C. Smith
18 003400 MOOR CLOSE (G. Chatterton), P. Felgate, 11 10-0 S. Johnson
Musso runs 3.45 Folkestone states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Last Suspect, 3 Ardent Spy, 5 Mid Day Gun, 6 Winning Brief, 8 Port Askaig, 10 Armagnac Princess, 12 Ballymilan.

FORM GUIDE.—Mid Day Gun was 8th of 9 to Mr Snugfit (gave 4lb) at Nottingham (2½m) Feb 27 (good). Previously Mid Day Gun beat Last Suspect (gave 21lb) by 1½l over today's course and distance Feb 5 with Winning Brief (gave 2lb) another 6l away 3rd. Bonum Omen (gave 1lb) a further 15l away 5th and Solihull Sport (gave 5lb) 8th of 9 (soft). Ardent Spy was beaten 9½l when 3rd to Greenwood Lad (rec 4lb) at Ascot (3m) Feb 6 (good).

LAST SUSPECT may beat Ardent Spy

3.30: WARWICKSHIRE HUNTERS' 'CHASE (Amateur Riders) £564 2½m (5)

2 313040- DAWN STREET (R. Willis), R. Willis, 7 12-8 ... R. Willis (7)
6 2P00-32- FORBIDDEN FRUIT (D. Smyth), D. Smyth, 15 12-0 G. Smyly (7)
7 F-14 HOT FEVER (CD) (T. Holland-Martin), T. Holland-Martin, 7 12-0 T. Holland-Martin (7)
13 P0000P- CORONETTA (Mrs C. Taylor), Mrs C. Taylor, 11 11-9 W. Taylor (7)
18 0 4310-0 WISE LADY (D) (Mrs C. Stallard), Mrs C. Stallard, 9 11-9 N. Oliver (4)

S.P. FORECAST: 4-9 Hot Fever, 5 Dawn Street, 8 Forbidden Fruit, 10 Wise Lady, 16 Coronetta

FORM GUIDE.—Hot Fever was beaten 11½l when 4th to Golden Ty (rec 15lb) at Nottingham (2½m) Feb 26 (good). Forbidden Fruit was beaten 6l by Dicky Blob (gave 14lb) at Newton Abbot (3¼m 100y) May 22 (good). Dawn Street was beaten 32½l when 6th to Good As Ever (rec 7lb) at Huntingdon (3m 100y) March 28 (good to soft).

HOT FEVER has easy task. Forbidden Fruit next best.

4.0: WATERGALL NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £781 2m 5f (25)

1 0 ALJAZAAR (J. Holt), J. Holt, 5 11-2 ... Mr J. Holt
4 00-000 CAPTAIN PRY (Mrs M. Rogers), D. Nicholson, 5 11-2 P. Scudamore
6 FP1P1P DELATOR (P. Brewer), I. Wardle, 8 11-2 ... —
8 GAMBLING QUEUE (R. Brown), J. Honeyball, 5 11-2 Peter Hobbs
9 00-0FU0 GANDOUGE LANE (C. House), J. Old, 8 11-2 ... G. Bradley
14 P0/P KELLY'S PILGRIM (J. Blair), I. Blair, 7 11-2 ... C. Gray
16 300/00-0 LUDWELL (R. Fairbarns), Mrs S. Richardson, 7 11-2 A. Gorman
18 OLYMPIC LAD (R. Hurley), J. Spearing, 5 11-2 ... R. Dickin
21 00 PENNY ROYAL (The Marchioness of Salisbury), O. Sherwood, 6 11-2 ... H. Davies
24 P00B ROYAL BOX (Lady Part), A. Turnell, 6 11-2 ... Steve Knight
25 0U ROYAL TOM (C. Loggin), C. Loggin, 8 11-2 ... M. Jenkins (7)
27 00 TEN IN HAND (Hamdan Al-Maktoum), L. Ciechanowski, 5 11-2 K. Mooney
30 340030 TORYMORE GREEN (I. Anderson), J. Webber, 6 11-2 G. Mernagh
31 FF-000 VULRORY'S CLOWN (Mrs H. Dowson), Mrs H. Dowson, 7 11-2 P. Nicholls
32 020050- WOODLAND GENERATOR (Miss M. Preece), P. Pritchard, 6 11-2 C. Mann
33 0 ANNIE HOTSPUR (C. Smyth), A. Chamberlain, 7 10-11 A. Chamberlain
35 00 CELTIC BURN (B. Hellyer), T. Forster, 5 10-11 ... R. Dunwoody
37 U0 JUSTE MERRY (I. McCready), D. Laing, 7 10-11 ... I. Nolan
39 00-423 KITTY BUSKINS (F. Sheridan), F. Sheridan, 6 10-11 G. Newman
44 30P0 KARUBA (R. Giles), J. Spearing, 4 10-7 ... A. Webb
45 302343 SHINER'S PAL (H. Chisman), Mrs B. Waring, 4 10-7 George Knight
46 022202 WASSEM (Southchase Ltd Burman Insulations), J. Jenkins 4 10-7 —
48 00400 MAGIC (T. Civil), W. Wharton, 4 10-2 ... M. Bremman
49 PERFECT DOUBLE (A. Blackham), B. Cambidge, 4 10-2 T. Wall
50 0 THATCHOVA (P. Hedger), P. Hedger, 4 10-2 ... M. Richards
Wassem runs 2.15 Folkestone states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Torymore Green, 11-4 Penny Royal, 11-2 Celtic Burn, 13-2 Kitty Buskins, 8 Captain Pry, 10 Royal Box, Shiner's Pal, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Torymore Green was beaten 19¾l when 5th to Quickstep (rec 8lb) at Worcester (2m) Feb 27 (good to soft). Kitty Buskins was beaten 5l by Paulatim (gave 1lb) at Towcester (2m 5f 26y) Jan 2 (soft). Wassem was beaten 7l by Life Guard (gave 12lb) at Wolverhampton (2m) Feb 4 (good to soft). Penny Royal was 7th to Ranged Robin (gave 10lb) at Newbury (2m 100y) Feb 8—Torymore Green (level) was 3rd beaten 4l (heavy).

KITTY BUSKINS may beat Torymore Green

4.30: LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,499 2m (17)

2 002U34 WALNUT WONDER (D) (R. Hickman), R. Hickman, 10 11-7 J. Bryan
4 4-02220 BURNBECK (D) (W. Price), W. Price, 6 11-0 ... R. Linley
6 12/0-0 MARCELLINO (D) (Mrs T. Pilkington), Mrs T. Pilkington, 9 10-10 Mr A. J. Wilson
9 330200 OUI MONSIEUR (D) (J. R. Bosley), J. Bosley, 11 10-8 Mr M. Bosley (7)
10 000000 GLASGOW CENTRAL (D) (W. Morgan), R. Pallins, 8 10-5 Mr P. Morgan
11 00-0430 BALLYSEEDY HERO (D) (I. Ford), Miss P. O'Connor, 7 10-4 C. Warren (7)
13 43003P- BROBURY (D) (T. Brown), T. Brown, 6 10-2 ... R. Dunwoody
14 030000 ROUTE MARCH (D) (J. Walker), P. Pritchard, 6 10-2 C. Mann
15 0PP102- FULL OF LOVE (D) (W. Lee), Mrs A. Lee, 6 10-0 ... A. Webber
18 005540 TURKOMAN (BL) (D. Sassel), D. Sasse, 6 10-0 ... K. Mooney
20 0FUP02 CROWNING MOMENT (BL) (H. Spearing), I. Wardle, 10 10-0 J. Duggan (4)
27 00002/0 BALL GEORGE (D) (Mrs M. Jackson), P. M. Taylor, 7 10-0 A. Carroll
32 0FPP-0P DERWENT KING (D) (R. Croft), Mrs J. Croft, 8 10-0 P. Warner
23 0-P0000 SILVER SEASON (Communidata Ltd), M. Chapman, 7 10-0 G. Evans (7)
24 42-0040 PRINCE'S DRIVE (CD) (B. Mannion), B. Pallins, 7 10-0 C. Evans (7)
25 FRPP-03 ACHILLES (D) (J. Walker), Mrs I. Croft, 9 10-0 ... R. Dickin
26 C0UP-FP GENERAL PEARL (Mrs J. Fraser), Mrs J. Fraser, 10 10-0 I. Suthern

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Burnbeck, 4 Oui Monsieur, 5 Walnut Wonder, 13-2 Turkoman, 8 Glasgow Central, 9 Marcellino, 10 Ballyseedy Hero, 12 Crowning Moment, 16 others.

FORM GUIDE.—Crowning Moment was beaten 4l by Doll Lars (rec 9lb) at Towcester (2m 5½f) Jan 2 (soft). Oui Monsieur was 10th of 20 to Model Pupil (rec 4lb) at Wolverhampton (2½m) Feb 4 (good to soft). Achilles was beaten 4½l when 3rd to Keno Hill (rec 7lb) at Leicester (2m) Jan 29 (heavy). Prince's Drive was beaten 22½l when 6th to Mr Challenge (rec 7lb) at Worcester (2½m) Feb 27 with Turkoman (rec 1lb) 7th and Burnbeck (gave 13lb) 9th (good to soft).

PRINCE'S DRIVE may confirm form with Turkoman

Yesterday's Leicester 1-2-3

Going: SOFT

1.45 (3m 'ch): Robson (P. Greenall, 9-4) 1; Mister Maxwell (J. Tewitt, 40-1) 2; Rommiex (Miss A. Dare, 15-8F) 3. Also: 15-2 Kapp Wager (f), 16 The Mighty Bocg (u.r.), Company Policy (f), Just Once (5th), 20 Gialls Flor (4th), Hazelwain (p.u.), Charley (ched), 25 Swanit (p.u.), Harrowsworth (f), 33 Deep Tartan (6th), 50 Billy Bumps (f). Banbury Vale (p.u.). 15 ran. 8l, 5l, 8l, 7l. (P. Greenall, Warrington.) Tote: win, £3·10; places, £1·70, £18·90, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £132·80. SPSF: £78·95.

2.15 (2½m 'ch): Rugy (J. Wrathall, 15-8) 1; Mr Mellow (Miss L. Gibbon, 4-6) 2; Just Like That (10-1) 3. Belcher, 40-1 3. Also: 11 Lone Soldier (p.u.), 40 Bobby's Fancy, 100 Tabuto (u.r.), Catch Tiffy (f). 7 ran. 10l, 7l, 12l. (R. Weston, Newport Pagnell.) Tote: win, £3·70; places, £1·30, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £1·70. SPSF: £3·18. NR: Back in Action.

2.45 (3m 'ch): Prominent King (T. Easterby, Evens) 1; Elmboy (A. Hill, 10-11F) 2; Brensler II (T. Moore, 66-1) 3. Also: 50 Pillager (4th), 66 Roman General, 100 Paddy's Wish (6th). 6 ran. ½l, 30l, 4l. (M. H. Easterby, Great Habton.) Tote: win, £1·70; places, £1·10, £1·20. Dual F'cast: £1·10. SPSF: £2·05.

3.15 (2½m 'ch): Sportiquick (S. Woods, 20-1) 1; Shamrock Bridge (R. J. Rogers, 7-1) 2; Nickle Mopprit (P. Webber, 3-4F) 3. Also: 11-4 The Somar (p.u.), 14 Gniemosco (5th), Tessene (4th), 40 Bills Way, 50 Highland Linnet (p.u.), 100 Pierre's Star (6th), Chefford Hill (u.r.). 10 ran. 4l, 8l, 15l, 4l, 3l. (Cattle, Aylesbury.) Tote: win, £78·20; places, £3·60, £1·10, £1·40. Dual F'cast: £45·10. SPSF: £128·30. Tricast: £245·46.

3.45 (3m 'ch): Cheekio Ora (P. Greenall, 4-9F) 1; Slobban's Jus (G. Membery, 6-1) 2; Marthetan (Miss J. Gibbon, 7-1) 3. Also: 15-2 Cluster-free (4th), 66 My Back (5th), 100 Sprion Moon, Brandy Royale (p.u.), Prince Cance (f). 8 ran. 8l, 8l, 5l. (H. Parry, Oakham.) Tote: win, £1·20; places, £1·10, £1·20, £1·80. Dual F'cast: £2·60. SPSF: £5·56. NR: Doramba.

4.15 (3m 'ch): Salisbury Hill (A. J. Wilson, 7-4F) 1; Fada (C. Pilgrim, 16-1) 2; Gay Fish (R. Matthews, 25-1) 3. Also: 4 Dean Cherry (f), 9-2 Vulstang Gazette (p.u.), 9 Bridel (f), 12 Golden Mantle (p.u.), 14 Lien's Heir (f), 66 Cread (p.u.), Gladsmman. 10 ran. 10l, 8l, 12l. (Pike, Sidmouth.) Tote: win, £3·10; places, £2·90, £2·30. Dual F'cast: £10·10. SPSF: £25·65. NR: Rompabaroo.

PLACEPOT: £41·00.

Sedgefield fields and forecast

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Linatea	2.15—Ascot Again
2.45—Holly Buoy	2.45—Geary's Cold Rolled
3.15—Immigrate	3.15—Unscrupulous Judge
3.45—Secondary Image	3.45—Cornering
4.15—Solares	4.15—Solares
4.45—Royal Laser	4.45—Royal Laser

Advance official going: GOOD

2.15: CROOK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE Penalty Value £524 2m (21 declared)

6 002- Whin Knowe, D. Yeoman, 6 11-7 ... C. Hawkins
7 000- Houghton Weaver (CD), E. Alston, 6 11-7 K. Doolan (4)
9 0P0- Beamot (BL) (CD), P. Curtis, 6 11-4 D. Wilkinson
11 P00 Wensleydale, J. Parkes, 7 11-3 Lynn Whiffen (7)
12 001 Linatea (CD), P. Curtis, 10 11-2 ... A. Brown
13 /10- Snap Tin, P. O'Connor, 7 10-12 J. D. Davies (7)
14 040 Satis Grange (D), N. Waggott, 7 10-12 R. Earnshaw
16 0 00 Edward's Corner, T. Barnes, 7 10-11 M. Barnes
18 342 Ascot Again (BL), I. P. Smith, 7 10-9 ... P. Tuck
20 030 Langford Brook (BL), M. Dickinson, 6 10-8 J. A. Harris
21 002 Le Di Da, W. Storey, 5 10-7 ... K. Teelan (7)
24 F-P Babbling Brook, J. Berry, 13 10-4 M. Berry (7)
26 30-0 Grey Morley, T. Kross, 12 10-3 Mrs S. Redfern
28 10-F This Ones For You, V. Thompson, 6 10-3 Mr M. Thompson (7)
29 P10 Carlingford Bay (C), R. Gray, 6 10-3 R. Storey
30 P0P Toronto Star, M. Lambert, 5 10-3 A. Charlton (7)
31 000 Heavenly Princess, Alf Watson, 5 10-2 S. Charlton
32 0PP Bugatti (BL), R. Peacock, 7 10-2 ... S. J. O'Neill
33 0U0- Alimp, N. Waggott, 6 10-2 Miss T. Waggott (7)
35 000 Malseedy, Mrs E. Adair, 7 10-2 C. J. Wardman (7)
36 00-0 Good Performer, J. Dooler, 6 10-2 ... M. Pepper

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Ascot Again, 7-2 Le Di Da, 4 Beamot, 6 Linatea, 8 Langford Brook, 10 Carlingford Bay, 12 Malseedy, 14 others.

2.45: CROFT & BLACKBURN HANDICAP HURDLE £1,161 2½m (15)

1 400 Mr Drumlop (CD), F. Musgrave, 7 12-7 Mr P. J. Dun
2 404 Geary's Cold Rolled (CD), Denys Smith, 8 11-7 C. Grant
3 14P Run In Tune (C) (D), D. Eddy, 11 11-0 C. Pimlott
4 002 Pen Royal (BL), T. Craig, 8 10-13 ... R. Lamb
5 0-1 Stenomar, M. H. Easterby, 6 10-12 Mr T. Easterby
7 100 Pittencrieff, E. Weymes, 10 10-12 J. D. Davies (7)
10 121- Trocadero (C) D. Yeoman, 6 10-10 P. A. Farrell (7)
12 040 Incense, P. Bevan, 5 10-5 ... J. Duggan (4)
16 4-00 Dainty Joe, Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones, 9 10-2 ... S. Holland
17 011 Miramac, T. Lee, 4 10-1 (6lb ex) ... P. Tuck
19 130 Holly Buoy, Mrs G. Reveley, 5 10-0 ... S. Doughty
20 200 Lucylet, Mrs G. Reveley, 6 10-0 ... —
22 004 Blue Farquin (BL) (C) J. FitzGerald, 6 10-0 M. Dwyer
25 301 Newmarket Sausage (C), G. M. Moore, 5 10-0 Mr G. Harker (7)
33 2P-0 Connector, D. Yeoman, 6 10-0 ... C. Hawkins
Dainty Joe runs 2.0 Warwick, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Stenomar, 9-2 Geary's Cold Rolled, 6 Mr Drumlop, 7 Pen Royal, Miramac, 10 Newmarket Sausage, Lucylet, 12 Holly Buoy, 14 others.

3.15: McEWANS BEST SCOTCH DURHAM NATIONAL HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,078 3½m (11)

3 000 Onapromise, Denys Smith, 9 11-7 ... C. Grant
4 041 Solo Sam (D), R. Brewis, 13 11-5 P. A. Farrell (7)
6 132 Unscrupulous Judge, W. A. Stephenson, 8 11-0 Mr P. J. Dun
7 325 Little Frenchman (C), E. Robson, 12 10-10 C. Pimlott
8 P11 Immigrate (C), G. Richards, 12 10-9 (10lb ex) N. Doughty
9 21-4 La Boeuf (C), D. Lamb, 9 10-8 ... R. Lamb
10 320 Holburn Head (C) W. A. Stephenson, 9 10-6 K. Jones
11 0-5 Bonnie Son, J. Parkes, 11 10-7 ... R. Balfour (7)
12 0P0 Ballyaronby (BL), R. Perkins, 8 10-0 Dal Williams
14 4U0 Sunset Surprise, R. Hawker, 8 10-0 ... B. Storey
15 201 Owen Luck (C), R. Swiers, 11 10-0 Miss A. Beaumont (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Immigrate, 7-2 Unscrupulous Judge, 4 Solo Sam, 6 Little Frenchman, 8 Onapromise, 10 La Boeuf, 12 Owen Luck, 14 others.

3.45: ROBIN SIMPSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP 'CHASE £973 2m (6)

2 41- Cornering, M. H. Easterby, 9 11-10 ... A. Brown
3 025 Jimmy Chips (CD), W. Raw, 8 11-9 ... B. Storey
4 225 Secondary Image, J. FitzGerald, 9 10-12 M. Dwyer
5 151 Sir Badsworth, T. Easterby, 7 10-12 M. Brisbourne
6 030 Dr Guillotine (CD), W. Easterby, 10 10-5 M. Barnes
7 P00 Go On Joe, J. Richardson, 11 10-0 D. Wilkinson

S.P. FORECAST: 11-10 Cornering, 3 Secondary Image, 5 Jimmy Chips, 8 Sir Badsworth, 10 Dr Guillotine, 16 Go On Joe.

4.15: CASTLE EDEN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICE 'CHASE £707 3½m 180y (12)

1 00P Auchencruive, Alf Watson, 10 11-5 G. Wilson (7)
2 033 Brockhurst Lad, Denys Smith, 7 11-5 D. Thompson (5)
3 0-00 Clem, Denys Smith, 8 11-5 ... D. Leadbitter
4 0-00 Darrowby, Mrs R. Butterworth, 7 11-5 J. D. Davies
5 21-0 Fool's Luck, Mrs G. Reveley, 8 11-5 A. Lane (5)
7 322 Hazy Day (BL), W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-5 A. Merrigan (7)
8 P0P Mirage, N. Chamberlain, 7 11-5 ... C. Dennis (7)
11 011 Moon Gazer, V. Thompson, 7 11-5 ... K. Ryan (5)
13 000 Bomberard, V. Thompson, 6 11-5 S. Mitchell (7)
14 003 Sheridar Rayalde, J. Wade, 9 11-5 J. O'Gorman (5)
15 0-3 Solares (C) (BL), J. Berry, 5 11-5 ... M. Berry
16 5-30 Telegraph Bush, G. Renilson, 8 11-5 P. A. Farrell

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Hazy Day, 100-30 Solares, 9-2 Brockhurst Lad, 6 Fool's Luck, 8 Clem, 10 Telegraph Bush, 12 others.

4.45: GROVE NOVICE HURDLE £548 2½m (18)

1 0P0- Brookers, L. Jordan, 8 11-2 ... T. G. Dun
3 000 Cool Thomas, H. Rebanks, 6 11-2 ... —
4 00 4 Doctor Wooley, R. Gray, 5 11-2 ... S. Charlton
6 000 Frosty Touch, Mrs E. Stark, 7 11-2 ... —
7 043 Gold Lame, V. Thompson, 6 11-2 J. Goulding
8 0 00 Gowan House, W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-2 Mr M. Thompson (7)
10 Magwood, J. Parker, 5 11-2 R. Lamb
11 004 Ross Morgan (BL), R. Peacock, 6 11-2 B. Storey
12 413 Royal Laser, M. Morshead, 5 11-2 S. J. O'Neill
13 000 Super Snack, R. Perkins, 6 11-2 C. Grant
14 000 Swirl Hower, W. A. Stephenson, 5 11-2 Dal Williams
15 030 The Builder, Mrs G. Reveley, 6 11-2 M. Maguire (4)
17 P Andantino, F. Haselline, 6 10-11 N. Doughty
19 010 Bridell's Girl, P. Liddle, 7 10-11 Mr G. Harker (7)
22 202 Falconer Lady, R. Robinson, 6 10-11 G. W. Gray
24 P00 Run For Port, G. M. Moore, 7 10-11 Mandy Harrison (7)
26 00P Mamons, N. Chamberlain, 4 10-7 C. Pimlott
29 00 Tummy Tikes, S. Leadbetter, 4 10-7 M. Pepper / M. Barnes

S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 Doctor Wooley, 4 Royal Laser, 9-2 Gold Lame, 6 Falconer Lady, 8 Ross Morgan, 10 The Builder, 12 Gowan House, 14 others.

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Rugby Union

HALL RETURNS FOR ENGLAND AGAINST SCOTS

By *JOHN MASON*

JOHN HALL, who was relaxing on a Spanish beach when England should have played Wales in Cardiff last month, returns for the Calcutta Cup match with Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday week. He was concussed against France on Feb 2.

As Hall, per regulation, was required to rest for three weeks following a blow to the head, Mike Teague, the blind-side flank forward replacement against the French, was selected against Wales. The match was postponed because of ground conditions.

Teague reverts to travelling reserve, duties in Cardiff which were to have been fulfilled by Chris Butcher. There are no other changes, which means that England's selectors offer their approval of the team that began the match against France.

As in the previous 12 months, England called upon 52 players—at times for reasons beyond their control—it is a relief that the first-choice team has become more clearly defined. The composition of the national squad is more realistic, too.

Relaxing sunshine

Hall, who will be winning his ninth cap, said yesterday: "When I was concussed, I was automatically out of all rugby-playing and training for three weeks, so I decided to grab some sunshine.

"I had a relaxing time in temperatures about 45 degrees higher than back home and came back for Bath's cup-tie nine days ago. I had the compulsory neurological examination and the match against Blackheath went well."

Hall, in addition to sharing in Bath's annihilation of Redruth last Saturday, joined 27 other England squad members at Richmond on Sunday. With the summer tour of New Zealand to come, the squad—presumably—indicates the general drift of selectorial thinking.

As Rory Underwood's RAF duties as a trainee jet fighter pilot must take precedence, England will be seeking cover for the left wing. On Sunday, John Goodwin, of Moseley, was the reserve: not only does New Zealand beckon, but also a couple of caps.

In other circumstances, Mark Bailey, the Cambridge University captain, who was capped twice in South Africa last summer, would be a strong candidate.

But though he took his try well against the Anti-Assassins last week, he has been troubled by a complicated foot injury ever since the tour.

There were 13 backs and 15 forwards at the session, during which Roger Uttley was as hard a taskmaster as the scrummaging machine he used extensively to correct and improve technique.

Uttley's expertise and forthright style will bring dividends, I am sure.

England squad.—Martin, Trick, Simon Smith, Goodwin, Underwood, Salmon, Dodge, Simms, Andrew, Barnes, Harding, Hill, Melville; Huntsman, Rendall, Brain, Simpson, Blakeway, Pearce, Sheppard, Orwin, Dooley, Teague, Hall, Hesford, Butcher, Cooke, Winterbottom. Absent: Syddall, Huw Davies, Woodward, Boyd.

Murray is out

Keith Murray, 22, the Hawick centre, will miss the Calcutta Cup match. He was concussed late in the first-half against Wales last Saturday and has no recollection of his final five minutes on the field. Scotland's selectors meet today.

Albert Ferrasse, president of the French Rugby Federation, is to write to Ken Gwilym, the Welsh Rugby Union President, regretting remarks made by John Bevan, the Wales coach, about the refereeing of Rene Hourquet in the Scotland-Wales match at the weekend.

"I'm not in agreement with the words he used," said Mr Ferrasse, "but we don't want to make a drama out of this. It is better to bite you tongue, and we don't intend to take any special action."

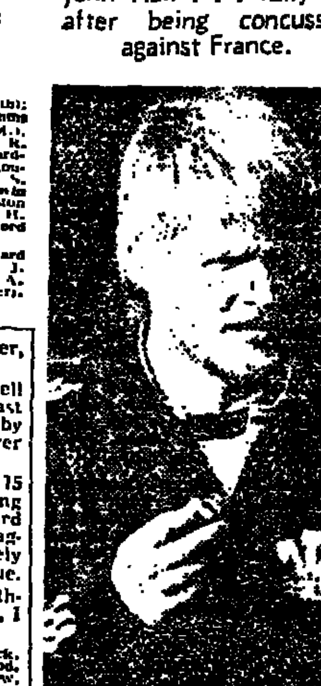
England team

ENGLAND.—C. R. Martin (Bath); S. T. Smith (Wasps), K. G. Simms (Cambridge Univ), P. W. Dodge (capt.), R. Underwood (Leicester); C. R. Andrew (Cambridge Univ), R. M. Harding (Bristol); P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester), S. E. Brain (Coventry), G. S. Pearce (Northampton), J. Orwin (Gloucester), W. A. Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), J. P. Hall (Bath), D. H. Cooke (Harlequins), R. Hesford (Bristol).

Replacements.—C. R. Woodward (Leicester), S. Barnes (Bristol), R. J. Hill (Bath); A. Sheppard (Bristol), A. Simpson (Sale), M. Teague (Gloucester).

REFEREE.—C. Norling (Wales).

John Hall . . . fully fit after being concussed against France.



John Bevan . . . French regret his remarks about referee Rene Hourquet.

Golden Oldies prepare for London festival

By DOUG IBBOTSON

AN international Golden Oldies rugby festival, specifically for players over 35, to be staged in London from Sept. 29 to Oct. 4, will attract more participants than next summer's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

One hundred and eighty clubs have confirmed their intention to participate

Golden Oldies rugby was conceived by Tom Johnson, of New Zealand, where, in 1979, the first festival attracted a modest entry of 19 clubs, of which only one—the American Bald Eagles—came from overseas.

The concept was expanded at the second festival, in Long Beach, California, and in Sydney, 1983, 115 clubs attended the last event.

British entries

British entries in the London festival will include the 1969 Cambridge University side, reformed by John Spencer and containing such mature and illustrious bodies as Gerald Davies, Jacko Page, Tony Jorden and Roger Shackleton.

Many of the players—from such far-flung outposts as Japan, the Cayman Islands, New Zealand, Australia and Oman — will be of even greater antiquity. Some, who one hesitates to describe as gregarious geriatrics, will be in their 70s.

Official laws

Though the friendly matches (the festival is in no sense a tournament) will be conducted under official laws, there are concessions to advancing years. Each match will be restricted to three 20-minute periods and it is considered infra-dig to tackle a septegenarian.

An "Olympic-style" opening ceremony is promised at Twickenham on Sunday, Sept. 29. Games will be played at eight club venues in the London area and the farewell dinner, for 7,000 participants and fellow-travellers, will be held in a marquee at Richmond.

Rugby in Wales

MORRIS CAPS RAPID RISE

By DAVID GREEN

THE rapid development of Martyn Morris, 22, South Wales Police's mobile flanker, was confirmed by his debut performance in Wales's nail-biting victory over Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday.

Morris, capped for Wales Youth in 1981 when with Neath Colts, had a fine game for Wales B against France B at Newport in November. Wales's back row, reshaped after Eddie Butler's surprise retirement from international rugby, now looks a potentially formidable unit.

Though the Welsh selectors these days show great loyalty to their players one or two other areas seem less settled and Phil Lewis, the left wing, for all his great pace, may be under pressure from Arthur Emyr and Adrian Hadley.

Recovered zest

Hadley's early-season form for Cardiff was indifferent but he has now recovered much of his zest and Emyr, whose speed is comparable with Lewis's has been playing brilliantly for Swansea in recent weeks.

Emyr scored two excellent tries in Swansea's Cup defeat at Pontypool and two more in Swansea's 42-6 home victory over Aberavon at St Helen's last Tuesday brought his total to 14 in six games.

Another candidate for the left wing berth is the elusive Glen Webbe, of Bridgend. A hat-trick of tries against Penarth last week took his first class tally to 102 — a remarkable effort for a man not yet 25.

South East Rugby

Search for new talent

By BILL DAY

HERTFORDSHIRE launch an inter-regional competition tonight aimed at finding fresh rugby talent for the county side.

North Herts play West Herts in the first of a series of zone matches aimed at giving the selectors a greater opportunity to comb the county for the best players.

The games will be run on a league basis over the next two months with a pennant going to the winning zone.

Cheshunt confident

Hertfordshire official John Beard said last night: "I am sure the selectors will benefit from seeing the best players from north, South, east and west. That has not always been possible in the past."

The programme after tonight's match is: 12 March: South v East at Hertford; 24 March: North v East at Royston; 17 April: South v West at Tabard; 21 April: East v West at Old Elizabethans; 24 April: North v South at Welwyn.

Cheshunt make their third attempt to win the Hertfordshire President's Cup next Sunday when they play old rivals Tabard in a repeat of the 1985 final.

Tabard won on that occasion, but with Gary Akers, their wing-threequarter in splendid try-scoring form, Cheshunt believe they can win the trophy before an anticipated gate of 1,000 at Old Merchant Taylors.

Sidcup boosted their chances of winning the Lombard Shipping seven counties merit table for the third time by beating Sutton and Epsom 20-8. They now lead the table with a 100 per cent. record after six matches, from Askeans on 87·5 per cent. and Havant on 85·7.

Cycling

Kelly takes third in Classic stage

By *PHIL LIGGETT in Dole, France*

SEAN KELLY'S bid to win the Paris-Nice Classic for a record fourth consecutive time received a boost yesterday when he finished third behind the Belgian brothers Eddy and Walter Planckaert after the 199-mile first stage from Avallon to Dole.

Of greater importance to the Carrick-on-Suir professional was a two-second time bonus, and because Kelly also finished in a group of 36 riders 13 seconds ahead of a number of highly-placed men, he climbed to 10th overall.

A dangerous approach to the 15th-century city, which involved narrow twisting roads, caused the race to split, leaving among others Robert Millar, from Scotland, and Sean Yeats trailing in the second group.

While Kelly dismissed the six-hour ride into a cold head-wind as an "unexhausting day" Yeats, who finished 56th and lost his fourth place overall, had been frightened by the final miles which were fraught with peril.

Unlucky Wojtinek

The rolling countryside of the Cote d'Or should have created an attacking race, but instead the hours passed by with hardly a flurry of activity. Bruno Wojtinek, of France, was the unluckiest rider when he crashed and was forced to retire before half way.

On the day's only two climbs nearr Vitteaux, where the roads reared up to nearly 1,500ft, the field did show signs of fatigue, but after Kelly's Skil team-mate Dominique Garde had taken the lead in the mountains competition, the 86 riders regrouped.

Allan Peiper, from Australia, retained the leader's white jersey by finishing 13th but he feels he has little chance of winning the event. Laurent Fignon, of France, menaces 10 seconds behind in second place.

Peiper said: "I'm honoured to be in the lead especially ahead of riders like Fignon, but while I'm going to defend my lead as long as I can, I don't expect to win at Nice."

PARIS-NICE CLASSIC. — 1st stage: E. Planckaert (Belgium), 1; W. Planckaert (Belgium), 2; S. Kelly (Ireland), 3; F. Vichot (France), 4; L. Fignon (France), 5; D. Lecrocq (France), 6; C. Lavainne (France), 7. All 5hr 43min. 31sec.

M. Earley (Ireland), 23; S. Roche (Ireland), 26; R. Millar (Scotland), at 13 sec. 64; S. Yeats (England), at 13 sec., 66.

Overall.—H. Peiper (Australia) 5hr 51-44, 1; L. Fignon (France), 5:51-54, 2; Stephen Roche (Ireland), 5:51-57.3. Kelly, at 23 seconds, 10; Yeats, at 24 seconds, 12; Millar, at 41 seconds, 27; Earley, at 49 seconds, 40.

Badminton

NATIONALS THREATENED BY BOYCOTT

By A Special Correspondent

A BOYCOTT of the national badminton championships next month is threatened by 57 players unless several leading professionals are persuaded to take part before next week's closing date for entries.

A letter of intent, drawn up and signed by the 57 but not yet sent to the Badminton Association of England, expresses concern over the future of the championships.

"We believe the BAE has done a good job in many ways but there is a danger that there will be a breakaway group of the top professionals," said Mark Elliott, an England Under-23 international representing the 57.

Last season the top two men and top four women did not take part because of the proximity of the national championships to the world grand prix finals.

This year Helen Troke, Nora Perry, Martin Dew, Nick Yates and Steve Baddeley may miss the event because of their preparations for the world championships in June and other professional commitments.

Peace initiatives from Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, who may attempt to persuade some of the professionals to play, are the main hope of preventing a boycott.

Squash Rackets

OPIE TRIUMPHS

Lisa Opie, England's No. 1, won the women's title in the Wilson Greater London Open squash rackets tournament at Ealing last night, beating Liz Irving, Australia's No. 4, in 47 minutes.

Basketball

GIANTS AND HEMEL HIT BY INJURIES

By RICHARD TAYLOR

INJURIES to key players mark the way to Wembley for four of Division One's top eight clubs as the first round of the Carlsberg Championship play-offs begin this weekend.

Cottrill's Manchester Giants and Poundstretcher Hemel will be without leading players for the best-of-three first round, from which four clubs qualify for the Wembley tournament on March 30 and 31.

Manchester's American Brookins will need three weeks to recover from a dislocated collar bone, while Hemel's 6ft 10in England and GB international Mike Spaid will not play again this season following a knee operation.

Sperrings Solent and Bracknell Pirates have overcome huge problems to reach the last eight, but now face fielding injured players in the play-off games.

Outstanding team

Bracknell have won six matches without American Renaldo Lawrence, and Young Englishmen Trevor Anderson and Sam Stiller and veteran Stu Turpie have backed their other American, Charles Payton, in reaching the play-off round.

Dethroned champions, Solent, survived their financial crisis only to be hit by injuries to Tony Watson, who has not played this year, and Roy Lewis, who has played on despite having a broken bone in one foot.

In the first round Solent face Bill Sheridan's outstanding team Nissan Worthing, whom everyone has wanted to avoid at this stage and who are the best outside bet to reach Wembley.

Walkers' Crisps Leicester will play Manchester Giants, but Kingcraft Kingston and Manchester United must wait for this mid-week's final league matches before learning whether they play Bracknell or Hemel.

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	24	22	2	44
Manchester United	25	19	6	38
Manchester Giants	25	17	8	34
Solent	25	17	8	34
Worthing	25	16	9	32
Leicester	25	15	10	30
Hemel	25	14	11	28
Bracknell	25	14	11	28
Crystal Palace	25	12	13	24
Sunderland	25	11	14	22
Doncaster	25	10	15	20
Birmingham	24	5	19	10
Portsmouth	24	1	23	2
Bolton	26	1	25	2

Bowls

ENGLISH FOUR'S BIG CHANCE

By Our Bowls Correspondent

The English bowls team of Martin Sekjer, Gary Smith, Terry Heppell and Andy Thomson have a strong chance of ending a disappointing national record in the British Isles Indoor Fours Championship which begins at Swansea Leisure Centre this morning.

Beaten in the final last year, following English defeats in the 1983 and 1982 finals, the open this morning against John Bricht's Blantyre four in the semi-final.

David Hamilton's Irish four includes three internationals and an England-Ireland final could be the match of the day.

Andy Ross meets Peter Evans, the Welsh champion, in the singles semi-finals.

PRUDENTIAL NAT CH'SHIPS. — Area Finals, Singles: M. Sekjer (Cyphers) 21, G. Smith (Cyphers) 18—T. Orr (Temple) 21, M. Goord (Greenwich) 15. Pairs: R. Birmingham & J. Johnson (Bristol) 21, I. Berry (& Wynn (Thamesdown) 18—K. Batchelor & M. Birch (Dartford) 24, S. Smith & A. Pirie (Lewisham) 23—P. Webb & B. Swannie (Croydon) 25, J. Porock & J. Brady (Croydon) 9. Triples: A. Stevenson (Westlecott) 22, H. Prver (Westlecott) 11—J. Brady (Croydon) 27, P. Vanvuconolous (Croydon) 7—N. Evenden (Dartford) 22, A. Lynch (Temple) 5.

County.—Warwicks 83, Northants 91.

CYCLING

MERSEYSIDE GP (Aintree). — S. Fleetwood (Ever Ready) 1hr 45min 36sec. 1; I. Banbury (Modvcell) at 1 length, 2; S. Sutton (Falcon) at inches, 3.

Ice Hockey

Durham draw level in chase for title

By HOWARD BASS

TWO more home wins have brought Durham Wasps level on points with Fife Flyers, the Heineken Premier Division leaders, who have played two matches more.

Durham must be title favourites after extending their unbeaten run to 15 games with decisive victoies over Streatham Redskins 9-2 and Whitley Warriors 17-6.

Jamie Crapper put four goals past Streatham's suspect defence and added two more against Whitley, when it was Paul Smith's turn to hit four.

Danny Brown scored five in Fife's 14-3 win at Nottingham, a feat overshadowed by Dave Stoyanovich's second goal, which established a new British record of 129 goals in a season. Roy Halpin's previous best looks like being substantially improved.

Streatham, at home to Ayr Bruins, were involved in an abandoned game for a second successive week. When John McCrone, the Ayr goal minder, received marching orders for misconduct after 22 minutes, Ayr, who had not brought a substitute 'keeper, refused to continue.

Tiring defence

If the BIHA decide Ayr's withdrawal to be unjustified, Streatham could be declared 5-0 winners, the usual procedure in such an occurrence.

Paul Bedard scored five and Steve Slaughter three in Ayr's 11-2 victory at Southampton the previous day, the Bruins putting seven goals past a tiring Vikings defence in the final 10 minutes.

Cleveland's hopes of a play-off berth intensified with a 9-8 home defeat of Dundee after trailing 6-2, Cal Land's winner completing his hat-trick. Ronnie Wood's two goals for Dundee took him past 50 in the league for a third straight season.

Peterborough Pirates regained the First Division lead from Solihull, Alcide Jutras scoring 10 when crushing Crowtree Chiefs 18-4—Crowtree's first home defeat in 17 games.

The Pirates were afterwards equally convincing in Wales, defeating Deeside Dragons 18-3, and will gain promotion by winning their remaining four games, a feat apparently well within their capacity.

Heineken League. Premier Division.—Cleveland 9, Dundee 8—Durham 9, Streatham 2—Durham 17, Whitley 6—Nottingham 3, Fife 14—Southampton 2, Ayr 11—Streatham 2, Ayr 2 (abandoned after 22 mins.).

Division 1.—Altrincham 4, Richmond 2—Crowtree 4, Peterborough 18—Deeside 3, Peterborough 18—Grimsby 4, Blackpool 18—Lee Valley 6, Bournemouth 1.

Centenary Universities Match.—Oxford 3, Cambridge 1 (at Peterborough).

HEINEKEN LEAGUE—PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Fife	29	20	5	4	269	145	44
Durham	27	21	4	2	248	139	44
Murrayfield	24	17	6	3	211	152	37
Streatham	25	13	11	2	178	195	28
Dundee	27	13	12	2	192	177	28
Ayr	27	12	12	3	207	203	27
Cleveland	28	12	14	2	210	226	26
Nottingham	29	12	16	1	125	165	25
Whitley	28	5	22	1	189	281	11
Southampton	27	2	25	0	89	296	4

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Peterborough	16	15	1	0	256	80	30
Solihull	15	14	1	0	247	58	28
Lee Valley	16	10	6	0	121	94	20
Glasgow	15	9	6	0	214	108	18
Crowtree	15	9	6	0	172	158	18
Blackpool	13	8	5	0	147	105	16
Altrincham	14	6	8	0	70	87	12
Bournemouth	16	4	12	0	112	178	8
Grimsby	18	3	15	0	103	279	6
Deeside	14	2	11	1	46	195	5
Richmond	14	2	11	1	41	213	5

● Teams tying on points are separated by results of matches between them, not goal difference.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BILLIARDS. — World Prof. Ch'ship (Horton Gardens, 11 & 6).

HOCKEY.—Services Ch'ships (Alexandra Park, Portsmouth).

BOWLS. — Women's Nat. Indoor Ch'ships (York).

RACE WALKING. — Met Police v RAF (Chigwell, 7 miles).

RACKETS. — Universities Match: Oxford v Cambridge (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SQUASH RACKETS. — American Express Lge (6.30): Manchester N. v Leicester; Nottingham v Tyrells.

Volleyball

SPEEDWELL LEAD TABLE

By VICTOR HEAD

SPEEDWELL Rucanor are making a determined attempt to regain the Britvic National Volleyball League Championship they lost to Capital City Spikers last year.

Their vital 3-2 away victory over Capital City exactly reversed an early-season result. Spikers led 2-1 but Speedwell kept up the pressure to take the last two steps 15-11, 15-5 and they followed this with a 3-0 success at home to Brookfield.

Speedwell now lead the table from Team Mizuno, who kept up their challenge by defeating Spark 3-0. All now depends upon Mizuno's visit to Speedwell on March 23.

Hamilton chosen

Meanwhile, attention turns to the England v Scotland internationals on March 16 and 17 at Gateshead and Darlington. While England's players were on league duty, the Scottish coach, John Lyle, named an experienced squad for the weekend's special training.

Among the four players chosen from the Scottish champions Murray International Metals is Ronnie Hamilton, 36, who last year became the first Scot to reach 100 international caps.

In the Under-16 internationals, England Girls gained their first success against Scotland for seven years, winning their matches 3-2, 3-0. But the Scottish Boys balanced the score sheet by beating England twice 3-1, 3-0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LGE.—Winnipeg Jets 6, Edmonton Oilers 3 — Chicago Black Hawks 5, St Louis Blues 2—New Jersey Devils 5, Philadelphia Flyers 2—New York Islanders 3, Buffalo Sabres 2—Calgary Flames 7, Los Angeles Kings 0—New York Rangers 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 3—Vancouver Canucks 7, Hartford Whalers 6 (overtime).

Ice Skating

FADEEV TAKES LEAD

By A Special Correspondent in Tokyo

ALEXANDER FADEEV, of the USSR, the former European champion, took the lead when the men's three compulsory figures opened the world figure-skating championships in Tokyo yesterday.

Jozef Sabovcik, the European champion from Czechoslovakia, and Fernand Fedronic, of France, second and third.

Brian Orser, 23, the powerful Canadian jumper feared by all his rivals, is fourth. The Olympic silver medallist was only seventh at the corresponding stage of last year's world championships in Ottawa, where he also finished second.

Orser happy

Fedronic led the field in the European figures last month in Gothenburg, where he subsequently faded in the free skating.

Orser, happy with his position, said: "I feel I now have a great load off my mind and can concentrate on what I do best."

For the first time he is not competing against Scott Hamilton, of the United States, the world champion, who is now a professional.

Fadeev, who missed Gothenburg because of a sprained tendon, has yet to prove his fitness in multiple jumps. Sabovcik, too, is suspect, having recently recovered from influenza.

The ice dance championship begins today when Nicky Slater and Karen Barber, of Britain, open their medal quest with the three compulsory dances.

Assuming the two Soviet couples who led the European field last month will again be in command, the bronze issue looks wide open.

Slater's and Miss Barber's main rivals are likely to be Rainer Schoenborn and Petra Born, of West Germany, who pipped them in Gothenburg, and Michael Seibert and Judy Blumberg, of the United States.

MEN'S COMP. FIGURES. — A. Fadeev (USSR) 0·6 pts, 1; J. Sabovcik (Czechoslovakia) 1·2, 2; F. Fedronic (France) 1·8, 3; B. Orser (Canada) 2·4, 4; B. Boitano (US) 3·0, 5; V. Kotin (USSR) 3·6, 6. British: 5, Pickavance 15·6, 23.

Severiano Ballesteros

EUROPEAN TRAIL LED BY SEVE

By ALEX LANCASTER in Fort Lauderdale

THE highest placed European golfer in the £83,000 Honda Classic at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was Severiano Ballesteros—in a lucrative 20th position.

Ballesteros, of Spain, earned £4,827 at the Eagle Trace course, where Curtis Strange won after a play-off with fellow-American Peter Jacobsen.

Nick Faldo, the British Ryder Cup player, won £2,137 for 35th place and Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, £1,212 for his 48th position.

There are details of the three Europeans' finishes so far this year.

Ballesteros: Doral—missed the cut; Honda—tied 20th.

Faldo: Phoenix—tied fourth; Los Angeles—missed the cut; Crosby—tied 64th; Hawaii—tied 45th; Honda—tied 35th.

Langer: Hope—missed the cut; Phoenix—tied 33rd; Los Angeles—missed the cut; Crosby—tied seventh; Hawaii—tied 24th; Doral—missed the cut; Honda—tied 48th.

275—C. Strange 67, 64, 70, 74; P. Jacobsen 66, 71, 70, 68. (Strange won play-off).

278—W. Wood 65, 72, 70, 71.

279—R. Floyd 69, 72, 68, 70; F. Couples 65, 68, 70, 76.

280—T. Kite 69, 69, 75, 67; G. Koch 68, 68, 72, 72.

British: 285—N. Faldo 67, 72, 74, 72.

WOMEN'S T'MENT (Phoenix, Arizona).—280—B. King 69, 68, 72, 71; P. Sheehan 65, 73, 71, 71. 282—D. White 70, 72, 69, 71; D. Massey 72, 69, 71, 70. 284—J. Washam 72, 74, 70, 68; K. Whitworth 74, 69, 70, 71. 286—S. Little 71, 71, 73, 71; A.-M. Palli (France) 69, 73, 69, 75.

U.S. PGA WOMEN'S MONEY LIST.—P. Sheehan £56,041; B. King £50,682; H. Stacy £40,184.

Hockey

SPINKS LIFTS NAVY HOPES

By CHRIS MOORE

R. Navy ... 2 RAF ... 0

Terry Spinks first appeared for the Royal Navy in the annual Inter-Service hockey championship eight years ago, but has never appeared in a side taking the [illegible]

When [illegible] last won the champion[illegible] 1981, Spinks was tem[illegible] out of the team. But his [illegible] goals against the RAF at [illegible]mouth, yesterday, at last gives Spinks a chance of helping his team-mates to the title.

First, he lunged forward to meet a free hit from Ward to divert his shot past Pappin, the RAF's international goalkeeper, in the 43rd minute.

Rasping shot

Twenty minutes later he struck again when he followed up after a rasping shot from Henry hit a defender on the goal-line. Spinks dispensed with the need for a penalty stroke by putting home a reverse stick shot.

Earlier the airmen had failed to take their chances on the fast, artificial surface at Alexandra Park, with Old putting a 15th minute penalty stroke straight at King and eight short corners producing only three worthwhile shots.

The Navy, with Eves outstanding in midfield only two weeks before he returns to civilian life, adapted far better to the pitch. Against all the odds, they may give the Army a hard time when they meet tomorrow.

Royal Navy.—N. Kinn; M. Worrell, D. Ward, I. Bisson, A. Morgan, G. Mather, N. Eves, B. Henry, M. Drury (N. Buckley), T. Spinks, S. Richardson.

RAF. — V. Pappin; R. Bonnell, P. Harp, M. Dykes, M. Luffman, R. Old, A. Hedley, I. Clinton, A. Lee, G. Bosworth, P. Morris.

Umpires: F. Hubber & G. Gedd (Combined Services).

INTER-SERVICES T'MENT (Alexandra Pk, Portsmouth).—R. Navy 2, RAF 0—Royal Navy Under-21 4, Army Under-21 0.

Golf Roundabout

Figures that put Ballesteros top

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS

IT will presumably not come as too much of a surprise to learn that the most completely equipped golfer in Europe is Severiano Ballesteros, even if his first two tournaments in America this year have shown little sign of it.

The Spaniard is not, nor ever has been, a fast starter. He warms to his task, as happened last year when he did not record a victory until the Open Championship in July.

Nevertheless, the Philips Performance Statistics, which give some annual guide as to who are the longest and most accurate strikers of the ball as well as the best putters, have now been lumped together over the last three years since the records were first kept.

There are five categories—driving distance, driving accuracy, greens found in the correct number of strokes, recoveries from greenside bunkers and putting averages. Ballesteros is the only man who figures in the top 10 in each section.

Driving accuracy

Over the last three years he emerges as the best putter, which does not surprise me in the least.

Ballesteros' average over these three seasons is 29·42 putts per round. More surprising, considering his reputation for visiting parts of the course not normally meant for play, he is also jointly the most second-accurate driver with 75 per cent. representing almost three fairways out of every four.

Brian Waites, Mister Reliable himself, comes out top with 75 per cent., while Ballesteros lies sixth for driving distance.

Ballesteros is also equal fourth in finding the greens in what is known as "regulation" with 72 per cent., 3 per cent. worse than his compatriot, Jose-Maria Canizares.

Though it could hardly be described as a weakness, Ballesteros' lowest placing is in bunker play. Here his chances of getting up and down in two are 50 per cent., a department of the game at which Bernard Gallacher is the most adept with 65 per cent.

We all know about lies, down lies and statistics and the proof of the pudding must come with the stroke averages among what may now be called Europe's "big five"—Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Sam Torrance.

Faldo, even though he figures less prominently in the statistics, comes out top. In these same three seasons, he has a stroke average of 69·80 against 70·01 by Ballesteros, 70·42 by Lyle, 70·57 by Langer and 70·88 by Torrance.

However, this could be explained by the fact that in that time Ballesteros has played in the fewest number of European tournaments (35) and usually, therefore, in the bigger ones on the stronger courses.

Long-driver Longmuir

Nor is there any apparent explanation for Bill Longmuir, recent winner in the Nigerian Open. In the three years he is credited as being a longer driver than both Ballesteros and Faldo, and both a better putter and bunker player than Faldo. Yet his stroke average in that time is 72·72.

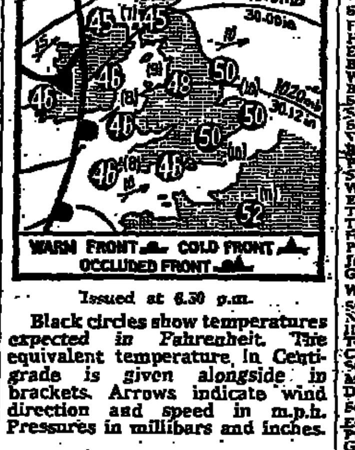
Two strokes or so per round may not be much, but it nevertheless adds up to eight strokes per tournament and that does make a difference.

There is more to the game than driving and putting. John Paramor, a PGA European Tour administrator and more than a useful golfer, believes no one has more power in reserve than Faldo, recalling a long-driving contest at Stoke Poges when, with just one hit, he dismissed the field with a blow in excess of 300 yards.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon March 4

Low "C" will move slowly east with similar central pressure. Low "X" will move north as it fills. High "V" will move slowly east.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	f	57	14	Locarno	r	41	5
Akrotiri	s	59	15	London	f	46	8
Amstrdm	r	46	8	Luxor	s	73	23
Athens	f	54	12	Madrid	f	48	9
Bahrain	s	63	17	Majorca	c	61	16
*Barbados	s	82	28	*Malaga	s	59	15
Barcelna	c	59	15	Malta	f	61	16
Beirut	s	57	14	Manchstr	c	43	6
Belfast	c	45	7	Melbo'rne	s	63	17
Belgrade	s	48	9	Miami	c	78	26
Berlin	f	45	7	Milan	c	48	9
*Bermuda	c	64	18	Montreal	c	3	-16
Biarritz	r	43	6	Moscow	s	21	-6
Birmghm	c	46	8	Munich	f	41	5
Blackpool	c	43	6	Nairobi	f	81	27
Bordeaux	c	48	9	Naples	s	59	15
*Boston	s	39	4	Newcastle	c	45	7
Boulogne	c	45	7	N. Delhi	s	84	29
Bristol	c	45	7	N. York	sn	30	4
Brussels	c	46	8	Nice	c	55	13
Budap'st	dr	34	1	Oporto	r	48	9
*B. Aires	c	84	29	Oslo	sn	27	-3
Cape Tn	f	70	21	Paris	c	48	9
Cardiff	c	46	8	Peking	s	37	3
Casablnca	c	57	14	Prague	c	36	2
Cologne	c	50	10	Reykjavik	c	37	3
Copnhgn	c	34	1	P. Stanley	c	59	15
*Chicago	c	36	2	Rhodes	r	52	11
Corfu	s	63	17	*R de Jan	c	81	27
*Dallas	c	72	22	Riyadh	s	61	16
*Denver	sn	19	-7	Rome	s	61	16
Dublin	r	43	6	Salzburg	s	45	7
Dubrvnik	s	55	13	*S. Frisco	s	55	13
Edinbrgh	s	45	7	*Santiago	s	82	28
Faro	f	57	14	*S. Paulo	c	70	21
Florence	f	54	12	Seoul	s	41	5
Frankfurt	f	46	8	Singapore	f	90	32
Funchal	c	59	15	Stockhlm	f	25	-4
Geneva	r	37	3	Strasburg	f	52	11
Gibraltar	s	59	15	Sydney	s	97	36
Glasgow	c	45	7	Tangier	s	57	14
Guernsey	f	46	8	Tel Aviv	s	64	18
Helsinki	c	23	-5	Tenerife	f	66	19
Hongk'ng	c	61	16	Toronto	sn	28	-2
Innsbrck	f	46	8	Tokyo	s	46	8
Inverness	c	45	7	Tunis	s	63	17
I. of Man	s	46	8	Valencia	f	61	17
Istanbul	s	50	10	*Vancver	f	39	4
Jeddah	s	86	30	Venice	f	50	10
Jersey	r	48	9	Vienna	c	36	2
Karachi	s	84	29	Warsaw	fg	34	1
L. Palmas	c	64	18	*Wshngtn	s	46	8
*Lima	s	77	25	Zurich	c	39	4
Lisbon	f	54	12				

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; f—fair; fg—fog; r—rain; s—sunny; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunch-time generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's reading.

Lighting-up time 6.18 p.m. to 6.5 a.m. Sun rises 6.37 a.m. Sets 5.48 p.m. Moon rises 3.29 p.m. Sets 6.52 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 12.11 a.m. (20ft), 12.42 p.m. (21.8ft). Dover 9.41 a.m. (19.4ft), 10.7 p.m. (20.4ft).

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro'	2.3	—	46	8	Cloudy
Bridlington	1.9	0.01	48	9	Cloudy
Cromer	4.2	0.08	48	9	Cloudy
Lowestoft	2.3	0.10	48	9	Sunny
Clacton	1.8	0.03	46	8	Brgt am
Margate	2.3	0.18	52	11	Sunny
South					
Folkestone	4.0	0.24	50	10	Bright
Hastings	4.4	0.04	48	9	Sun pm
Eastb'rne	5.9	0.06	48	9	Bright
Brighton	—	0.02	46	8	Sun pm
Worthing	5.9	0.01	48	9	Sunny
Bognor	6.3	—	46	8	Sunny
Southsea	7.1	—	50	10	Sunny
Sandown	8.1	—	50	10	Sunny
Shanklin	7.4	—	48	9	Sunny
Ventnor	7.6	—	48	9	Sunny
B'mouth	7.6	—	50	10	Sunny
Poole	6.8	—	50	10	Sunny
Swanage	9.2	—	50	10	Sunny
Weymouth	8.9	—	50	10	Sunny
Exmouth	8.0	—	50	10	Sunny
Teignm'th	8.9	—	52	11	Sunny
Torquay	8.6	—	53	11	Sunny
Falmouth	7.6	0.02	48	9	Sunny
Penzance	7.1	0.01	50	10	Sunny
Jersey	6.6	0.04	50	10	Sun pm
Guernsey	5.1	0.02	52	11	Hail
West					
Scilly I.	7.8	0.15	50	10	Hail
Newquay	9.2	—	52	11	Sunny
Ilfrac'be	6.3	0.05	46	8	Sunny
Tenby	7.6	0.05	48	9	Sunny
Colwyn B.	0.9	0.34	46	8	Dull
Southport	1.2	0.24	45	7	Cloudy
Morec'be	1.4	0.14	45	7	Cloudy
Douglas	4.8	0.14	48	8	Sun pm
Scotland					
Eskdale'r	0.5	0.47	43	6	Showers
Prestwick	0.1	0.12	45	7	Sun pm
Glasgow	—	0.48	45	7	Rain am
Tiree	0.4	0.03	46	8	Showers
Stornoway	0.1	0.04	45	7	Rain
Lerwick	—	0.25	43	6	Rain
Wick	—	0.11	45	7	Rain
Kinloss	—	0.07	46	8	Rain
Aberdeen	—	0.37	45	7	Rain
St Andr's	0.2	0.10	46	8	Rain
Edinburgh	0.5	0.16	46	8	Shrs pm
Nthn. Ireland					
Belfast	1.4	0.15	46	8	Showers
Lake Dist.					
Ambleside	—	0.39	43	6	Showers
Kendal	—	0.36	48	8	Showers
Keswick	0.2	0.64	45	7	Showers

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

The following reports were supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain:

	Depth l	Depth u	Conditions Piste	o.P.	Weather & Temp F 5pm
Crans					
Montana	40	140	h	fa	fa 39
Flaine	90	350	g	h	cl 34
Gstaad	45	90	g	h	cl 41
Les Arcs	80	180	g	h	cl 39
Sauze d'Oulx	40	95	g	pd	sl 30
Verbier	75	200	g	f	f 45
Villars	50	80	g	pd	cl 30
Wengen	40	100	g	pd	f 37

Key: l—lower; u—upper; c—cloud; cl—cloudy; cr—crust; f—fine; fa—fair; fo—fog; g—good; h—heavy; i—icy; o.P.—off Piste; pd—powder; p—poor; r—rain; sl—slow; sp—spring; t—thaw; v—varied; w—worn. Depths in Centimetres; temperatures in Fahrenheit.

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORM.—Upper and middle runs: complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: runs almost complete, wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: some runs complete, hard packed snow. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENCOE. — Insufficient snow for ski-ing.

LECHT. — Upper and middle runs: complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for ski-ing areas for today: sunny periods and scattered showers at first, falling as sleet or snow above 1,500ft. Freezing level 2,500ft. Rising to 4,000ft. Later, fresh southwesterly winds.

Outlook for tomorrow: windy and mild with occasional rain.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 50F (10C). Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 41F (5C). Rainfall trace: Sunshine 2·6 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime). Warmest Newquay, Southampton 52F (11C), coldest Fraserburgh 43F (6C). Wettest Keswick ·3·5 inches. Sunniest Newquay, Swanage 9·2 hours.

F A Cup

Rescue act by Evans

By ROGER MALONE

Wimbledon ... 1, W. Ham ... 1

STEWART EVANS'S 80th-minute equaliser for Wimbledon at Plough Lane last night forced a fifth round F A Cup replay at Upton Park tomorrow after Tony Cottee had put West Ham in front with 13 minutes to go.

Alan Devonshire, in his first senior game for 14 months after a protracted recovery from severely damaged knee ligaments, immediately demonstrated his appealing skills and vision.

Devonshire, who frequently organised promising moves down the left flank, should have scored off crisp right wing raids by Goddard, but saw his eight-yard effort hit a post, low down, to be scrambled off the line by Wimbledon's defence.

Blazed wide

A few minutes later Devonshire set up Orr for a 15-yard drive which beat Beasant, but came down off the underside of the bar only for Allen to blaze the rebound wide.

Second Division Wimbledon, meanwhile, offered stark contrast in attacking method, lofting long passes for their three tall strikers.

But although Evans, Cork and Fishenden caused some anxious moments for First Division West Ham's defence, Martin—patched up after his facial injuries during last week's England game—was outstanding in alert covering and strong tackling.

With Devonshire understandably needing to take a breather, after so long away from the stresses of senior match play, Wimbledon mounted a wave of fierce attacks and McAllister was twice called upon to make important saves.

A right-ing cross from Galliers reached Evans, unmarked in space, but his instant shot lacked direction and McAllister saved with his feet.

Superb save

Next, a typical session of head-tennis between Wimbledon's cool raiders opened up a 15-yard chance for Sanchez, but McAllister saved superbly, at full length.

In between these efforts, Walford's through ball released Cottee, but as he reached the edge of the box, he was tackled, and then wrestled to the ground by Smith, who was booked. Winterburn was also cautioned for advancing out of the wall, against Stewart's free-kick. The re-take found Goddard curling his effort over the target.

With 18 minutes to go, West Ham took the lead. Stewart played a fast, long ball into the box, where Cottee smartly controlled it, and took advantage of being unmarked to score crisply from 13 yards.

With 10 minutes left, Galliers hoisted a long pass into the box where Evans climbed high to equalise with a flicked header, which went in-off the far post. So the teams meet again tomorrow to try and decide who visits Manchester United in Saturday's quarter-final.

Wimbledon.—Beasant; Gage, Winterburn, Galliers, Morris, Smith, Evans, Fishenden, Cork, Sanchez, Hodges.

West Ham.—McAllister; Stewart, Brush, Walford, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Orr, Goddard, Cottee, Pike.

GYMNASTICS

AMERICAN CUP (Indianapolis).—Winners, Men: F. Dagget 57·350pts. Women: M. Retton 59·550.

Milk Cup

POLICE BATTLE AS CHELSEA ARE CRUSHED

By MICHAEL CALVIN

Chelsea .... 2 Sunderland 3

(Sunderland win 5-2 on agg.)

CLIVE WALKER, the winger who left Chelsea to rebuild his career in the North-East, triggered sadly predictable scenes of violence when he returned to Stamford Bridge last night to score two goals which took Sunderland into the Milk Cup final.

Thousands of fans who had been unable to obtain tickets were still thronging the streets around the ground when Chelsea, 2-0 down from the first leg, brought the sense of excitement to fever pitch by taking a sixth-minute lead.

Sunderland had already been subjected to frantic pressure when Dixon touched on a Jones free-kick. Nevin, a frail figure among the lunging bodies, controlled the ball and turned it into the path of Speedie, who scored with a superb angled volley.

The timing of that breakthrough imposed enormous strains on a Sunderland side which had earned a reputation for resilience during Milk Cup victories at Tottenham and Watford. But, thanks largely to the customary bravery of Turner, they managed to stay in contention.

Grotesque fouls

Chelsea's larm at their gradual loss on control in a long-awaited match was reflected by grotesque fouls by Thomas and Dixon which were rightly punished by bookings.

Sunderland — who had Elliott, Chisholm and Hodgson cautioned in the first half — were not blameless. Yet it was no surprise when, eight minutes from the interval, they struck back with a richly ironic equaliser.

Hodgson set up the chance with the most delicate of touches and Walker had the confidence to take on Pates before unleashing a drive which sped across the advancing Niedzwiecki on its way into the far corner of the net.

Berry hit the bar before, in the 71st minute, he provided the cross which led to Sunderland's second goal. Jones allowed the ball to run to Walker, who stayed admirably cool before flipping the shot under the goalkeeper.

That goal had sadly predictable consequences and Chelsea supporters began to climb over the fences with the intention of confronting the away supporters.

Sunderland's third

The referee ushered both teams into the middle while mounted policemen dealt with troublemakers but three uniformed constables were still o nthe pitch when Sunderland scored a third goal ten minutes from time through Colin West.

The atmosphere was so menacing that Nevin's chipped goal for Chelsea five minutes from time was almost ignored. But there was still time for Speedie to be sent off for a foul on Elliott.

Chelsea.—Niedzwiecki; J. Jones, Rougvie, Pates, Jasper, Bumstead, Nevin, Spackman, Dixon, Speedie, Thomas.

Sunderland.—Turner; Venison, Pickering, Bennett, Chisholm, Elliott, Hodgson, Berry, West, Gayle, Walker.

IPSWICH GO THROUGH ON LATE GOAL

By A Special Correspondent

Ipswich ... 3, Sheffield W. ... 2

IPSWICH, twice a goal down, fought back to beat Sheffield Wednesday, in this much-postponed F A Cup fifth round tie and earn a place in the quarter finals — where they will play Everton at Goodison Park on Saturday — with a late winner by Alan Sunderland.

It took the match a good 20 minutes to warm up, and Wednesday were the first to settle as they forged a succession of uneventful corners, so the score came as little surprise.

Blair made a strong run on the left, and when he shot across goal Varadi stretched out a leg and flicked in the ball high into Cooper's net. Ipswich were stunned into retaliation and, though the equaliser eluded them, they enjoyed their best spell.

Brennan skimmed the bar with a fierce shot, Cranson robbed the advancing wall of Wednesday defenders before shooting wide with Hodge on his own, and then Wilson mised an even better chance as Zondervan's cross found him unmarked.

Ipswich equalised in fortunate circumstances four minutes into the second half, after the referee awarded them a corner which both sides and everyone else thought was a goal kick. Zondervan volleyed home from Gates's inswinging kick.

But justice was immediately done for within a minute Wednesday were back in front as Lyons, who had also been dominant in defence, rose to head a great goal from Worthington's cross.

However, Ipswich were in contention again after 70 minutes, as Wilson jinked inside before delaying a perfect pass for Burley to shoot home from close range.

Both sides had shots cleared off the line in the last hectic 15 minutes before Ipswich snatched victory after 88 minutes as Sunderland drove home a pass from D'Avray.

Ipswich.—Cooper; Burley, McCall, Zondervan, Cranson, Butcher, Putney, Brennan, D'Avray, Wilson, Gates. Sub: Sunderland.

Sheffield Wednesday.—Hodge; Sterland, Madden, Smith, Lyons, Worthington, Marwood, Blair, Varadi, Pearson, Shelton. Sub: Shirtliff.

KAMARA DISCHARGE

Chris Kamara, Brentford's midfield player who was detained in hospital with concussion after Saturday's Third Division match at York, was discharged yesterday and may be fit for tonight's home game against Burnley.

The Griffin Park club have signed Robbie Cooke, who has been on loan from Cambridge United for two months and scored five League goals.

Speedie brings Chelsea fans to fever pitch as he volleys the first goal at Stamford Bridge.

Southampton fall to Barnsley

By DAVID LUDDY

Southampton ... 1, Barnsley ... 2

BARNSLEY surprised First Division Southampton with their resilience and composure, despite constant pressure, to record this F A Cup fifth round victory at The Dell last night. After conceding the opening goal to Steve Moran, Steve Agnew and a Gordon Owen penalty earned a home tie against Liverpool.

Although Barnsley, mid-table in Division Two, have never played in the top flight, they share one Cup glory with their opponents: they won the competition in 1912 — Southampton's victory did not arrive until 1976.

The reward for this three times postponed contest is a televised quarter-final home tie against Liverpool next Sunday.

Sturdy defence

The return of Southampton's twin strikers, Jordan — back after a two-match suspension — and Moran (heel injury), obviously meant danger for the Yorkshire side.

Barnsley's central defenders, May and Paul Futcher, sturdily accepted continual high crosses intended for Jordan. These came particularly from Mills, Dennis and Curtis, who varied the pressure with free kicks, near-post throws and inswinging corners.

It was no surprise when Moran knocked in his 15th goal of the season in the 16th minute, after Wright's header had been palmed against the bar by keeper Baker.

Barnsley's attacks were sporadic, before Southampton were punished by indecision. Poor marking allowed Agnew to half-volley the equaliser midway through the half and, although Southampton continued to press, a foul by Bond on Agnew allowed Owen to convert the penalty five minutes before the interval.

It was Owen's 13th goal this term, following his £30,000 transfer from Cardiff last August, and helped to compensate for his penalty miss in Barnsley's 5-3 defeat at Charlton on Saturday.

Ron Futcher, who hit all three Barnsley goals in that match before he was sent off for dissent, joined powerfully in the occasional raid but did little to deter Wright, the England defender.

Barnsley's admirable resistance to Southampton's frequent sorties was summed up by the exemplary goalkeeping of Baker and impressive close marking, as Southampton switched their point of attack.

Baker's reflexes were sharp as he stopped shots from Lawrence, Jordan and Moran.

Barnsley's assurance resisted Southampton's final efforts, Baker punching clear a late header by Jordan.

Southampton.—Shilton; Mills, Dennis, Curtis, Wright, Bond, Lawrence, Moran, Jordan, Armstrong, Wallace.

Barnsley.—Baker; Joyce, Law, Ronson, May, P. Futcher, Owen, Thomas, R. Futcher, Agnew, Campbell.

SQUASH RACKETS

PRO-KENNEX T'MENT (Kenworth).—Final: P. Millington bt R. Le-Lievre 3-2.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

F A CUP—5th Round

Ipswich (0) 3 Sheff Wed (1) 2
Zondervan, Burley, Sunderland — Varadi, Lyons —17,459

Luton ... (0) 0 Watford ... (0) 0 — 18,506
(Replay tomorrow)

Southampton (1) 1 Barnsley (2) 2
Moran — Agnew, Owen (pen) —20,971
Winners home to Liverpool

Wimbledon (0) 1 West Ham (0) 1
Evans — Cottee
(Replay tomorrow) —15,500
Winners away to Manchester Utd

MILK CUP—Semi-final, Second Leg

Chelsea (1) 2 Sunderland (1) 3
Speedie, Nevin — Walker 2, West —44,000
Sunderland win 5-2 on agg.

CANON LEAGUE—Div. 4

Southend (0) 1 Hartlepool (0) 1
Phillips pen — Hedley pen —1,552

Stockport (0) 1 Colchester (0) 0
Evans —1,561

GOLA LGE.—Altrincham 3, Kidderminster 1—Dagenham 0, Enfield 3—Northwich Vic 1, Telford 0.

NORTHERN PREM LGE.—Postponed: Mossley v Marine. League Cup, 2nd Rd Replay: Matlock 2, Horwich 1.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Prem. Div: Bognor 3, Hayes 0—Croydon 2, Walthamstow 1.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LGE.—Prem. Div.: Taunton 1, Barnstaple 0.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Liverpool 2, Nottingham F. 2—Sheffield Utd 0, Aston Villa 4. Div. II: Wolverhampton 1, Rotherham 3.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Chelsea 0, Watford 1—Tottenham 1, Brighton 1.

SCHOOLS.—ESFA Barclays Bk Under-19 Comp. 2nd Rd: Southend HS 6, St Ignatius 0. 3rd Rd: Millfield 10, Bournemouth GS 2.

SW Counties Under-19 Lge: Oxfordshire 0, Hereford & Worcs 1.

RUGBY UNION.—Cross Keys 16, Aberavon 0—Maesteg 28, Glamorgan Wand 3—Pontypool 15, Neath 0.

Luton & Watford must do it again

By DENIS LOWE

Luton Town .... 0 Watford 0

WATFORD, beaten by Everton in the F A Cup final last May, survived some harrowing moments in this fifth round tie, but can still hope for another Wembley appearance after holding Luton, their keen local rivals. The replay is at Vicarage Road tomorrow.

Callaghan was keenly involved in early Watford raids and Sealey, who did well to tip over a powerful 12th minute header by Gilligan, was soon under pressure.

It was left to Harford, so dangerous in the air, to get Luton back in the running, and the tall striker was twice close with headers after the 27th and 32nd minutes.

Hit the post

Turner supplied the centre from the right on each occasion, but Harford's first header, delivered from 10 yards, rebounded from the post with Sherwood well beaten, and the second ended narrowly wide.

Incidents continued in both goalmouths in this keenly-contested meeting between local rivals, and McClelland and Terry were stretched to the full as Luton again stepped up the pace, with Nwajiobi and Daniel breaking quickly on the flank.

Watford's lack of defensive composure almost cost them dearly in the closing minutes of the first half. A Foster header from Turner's corner was scrambled away for a corner, and another Harford effort was just off target following Daniel's centre.

Not before time, Watford mounted a detrmined rally and Sealey, after turning aside Gilligan's close range header, was relieved to see the industrious Foster block a goalbound drive from Blissett.

Brian Hill, the Northants' referee, waved away Watford's penalty claims and pointed for an offence outside the box when Breacker fouled Sterling. Callaghan almost scored from the free kick but the winger's astute chip struck the bar and was booked away.

Rostron, whose face and shirt were smeared with blood after a first half clash, and McClelland did much to restrict Luton's renewed attacks, but Turner was not far away after a run by Stein and Sherwood came out quickly to foil Harford. Watford were still dangerous on the break and Sealey used his legs to keep out Gilligan's shot in the 82nd minute.

Luton.—Sealey; Breacker, Thomas, Turner, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajiobi, Daniel. Sub. Parker.

Watford.—Sherwood; Sinnott, Rostron, Taylor, Terry, McClelland, Callaghan, Blissett, Gilligan, Lohman, Sterling. Sub: Bardsley.

HANKIN'S CONTRACT CANCELLED

PETERBOROUGH have cancelled the contract of Ray Hankin, the former England Under-23 striker, who was sent off on Saturday for the fifth time in one-and-a-half seasons.

John Wile, the Peterborough manager, said that Hankin, 29, formerly with Burley, Leeds, Vancouver Whitecaps and Middlesbrough, would be leaving because of "persistent misconduct on the field, despite previous verbal and written warnings."

Hankin, whose transfer fees total £560,000, arrived from Middlesbrough in September 1983, and was sent off that month, and in October, December and the following March.

On Saturday, in the Fourth Division match against Port Vale, Hankin was dismissed for a foul only 30 seconds after being booked for kicking the ball away at a free-kick. Reduced to 10 men, Peterborough dropped two home points in their promotion campaign.

Jobson fined

Richard Jobson, Hull's former Watford utility player, has been fined a week's wages for failing to turn up for Saturday's home game against Bristol Rovers. He went to Hemel Hempstead, where he has a house for sale. Hull meanwhile won 2-0.

David Fairclough, the former Liverpool striker who was recently released by the Swiss club Lucerne, and who has had training stints with Brighton and Manchester City, is having a trial with Norwich.

Watford are worried that John Barnes' hamstring injury from the weekend may keep him out for several weeks, including England's friendly match against the Republic of Ireland on March 26.

RUSHDEN CONTINUE

Rushden Town, after receiving a cash injection, have been given permission to continue in the Southern League less than three months after deciding to pull out at the end of the season with debts totalling £50,000.

DINNIS IN CHARGE

Middlesbrough have appointed Richard Dinnis, the former Newcastle United manager, as their first-team coach. Dinnis, 43, who has bee nscouting for Arsenal this season, will report to Ayresome Park today to help Middlesbrough's fight for Second Division survival.

FA Vase

HALESOWEN AWAY

Halesowen, beaten finalists in the F A Vase two years ago, have been drawn away to Wisbech in the first leg of the semi-finals of this season's competition on March 23. Exmouth have home advantage against Fleetwood in the other tie.

F A VASE DRAW.—Semi-finals (1st leg Mar 23, 2nd leg Mar 30): Exmouth v Fleetwood, Wisbech v Halesowen.

FRANCIS CLEARED

Trevor Francis, the England forward given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after being knocked unconscious in an Italian League game on Sunday, left hospital yesterday after tests showed their was no brain damage. But he was immediately taken to a private clinic in Genoa where he will rest.

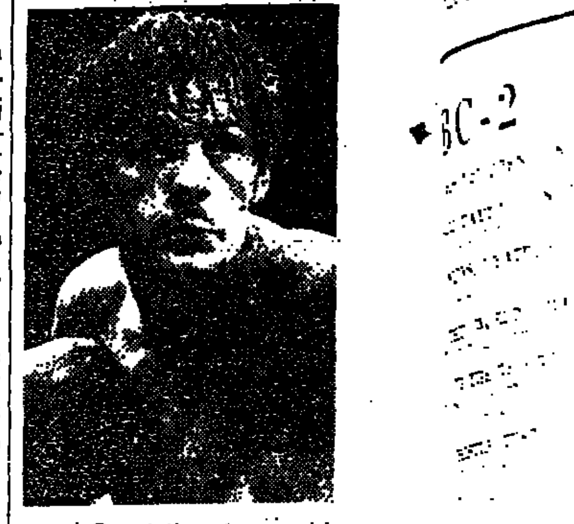
Boxing

COWDELL OFFER FOR PEDROZA

FRANK WARREN, the London promoter, was having meeting in Panama City yesterday in an attempt to persuade Eusebio Pedroza, the World Boxing Association featherweight champion, to defend his title in Britain against Pat Cowdell.

Barney Eastwood, Barry McGuigan's manager, turned down Mr Warren's offer to stage a fight between Pedroza and McGuigan, the British and European champion, in London.

Mr Warren flew to Panama yesterday to meet Santiago Del Rio, Pedroza's manager, and if his talks succeed the contest will probably take place at the



Pat Cowdell, who could receive his second chance of a world featherweight championship.

National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, a few miles from Cowdell's home, in May or June.

Cowdell, former British and European featherweight (9st) champion, now holder of the European super-featherweight title (9st 4lb) lost a split decision to Salvador Sanchez in a World Boxing Council featherweight title challenge in December 1981.

Roger Stafford, 31, of Philadelphia, who meets Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's European welterweight champion, at the Royal Albert Hall tomorrow, made it clear yesterday that he is not here just to provide Honeyghan with a good name on his record.

For a man who has fought three world champions, Stafford is disarmingly reticent. "I am not here to make a noise, but to do a job," he said.

Since a one-round defeat by Don Curry in a W B A title fight in 1983 he has lost only once in six fights, to Tommy Ayers, world-rated, on points five months ago.

Mike Barrett has cancelled the tournament he planned for the Derngate Centre in Northampton on April 1. R. W. Smith, the St Ives welterweight, was due to top the bill but is to have a shoulder operation.

SYDNEY.—Bantamweight: Jeff Fenech bt Rolly Navarro (Philippines) k.o. 4th rd.

BILLIARDS

WORLD PROF. CH'SHIP (Easton Garden, London).—1st Rd: I. Williamson (Leeds) bt B. Bennett (Southampton) 5-0 (400-200, 400-89, 400-331).

European Soccer

Platini sends Sparta two-goal warning

LIVERPOOL'S attempt to retain the European Cup is threatened by the blend of ambition and ability which makes Michel Platini the most celebrated figure in world football, writes Michael Calvin.

Platini, the French captain of Juventus, recognises that next year's World Cup finals promise to provide a fitting climax to a bewitching career. Yet his more immediate aim is to win his first European Cup winners' medal.

Platini — "happiness is not having lost your last game"— prepared for tomorrow's home leg of the quarter-final against Sparta Prague by scoring twice in the 5-1 thrashing of Cremonese.

He is now Italy's leading scorer with 15 goals and will orchestrate the efforts of a full strength side against a Sparta team struggling to retain the championship in Czechoslovakia.

Bordeaux, Liverpool's only other logical rivals, should have too many creative options for Dnepr, the Soviet champions, who will be handicapped by a lack of match sharpness.

Liam Brady, Inter Milan's most influential player recently, pulled a thigh muscle in Sunday's goalless draw at Como and is likely to miss the U E F A Cup tie against Cologne.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND.—Drogheda 0, Athlone 1—Home Farm 5, Galway 1—Limerick 3, UCD 0—Longford 1, Bohemians 3—St Patrick's 1—Cork 0—Shelbourne 2, Finn Harps 2—Sligo 2, Shamrock 3—Waterford 3, Dundalk 1.

BELGIAN LGE.—Waterschei 3, Gent 3—Beveren 1, Standard Liege 0—KV Mechelen 0, Beveren 0—Waregem 1, Cercle Bruges 1—Beerschot 0, Lierse 1—FC Liege 4, Antwerp 0—Club Bruges 4, Kortrijk 1—St Niklaas 5, Seraing 2—Lokeren 5, Racing Jet 0. Leading positions: Anderlecht 21 matches, 37 pts; Waregem 21-31, FC Liege 21-29.

ITALIAN LGE.—Atalanta 0, Ascoli 0—Avellino 0, Fiorentina 0—Como 0, Inter 0—Juventus 5, Cremonese 1—Lazio 0, Torino 0—Milan 2, Napoli 1—Sampdoria 1, Udinese 0—Verona 1, Roma 0. Leading positions: Verona 21 matches, 31 pts; Inter 21-29; Torino 21-27.

DUTCH LGE.—Nac Breda 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 0—Volendam 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 4—PSV Eindhoven 1, Utrecht 1—Haarlem 1, Groningen 0—PEC Zwolle 1, GA Eagles Deventer 0—Twente Enschede 0, Den Bosch 0—MVV Maastricht 1, Fortuna Sittard 0—Sparta Rotterdam 3, AZ'67 Alkmaar 2—Excelsior Rotterdam 0, Ajax Amsterdam 1. Leading positions: Ajax Amsterdam 18 matches, 32 pts; PSV Eindhoven 19-31; Feyenoord Rotterdam 17-26.

PORTUGUESE LGE.—Benfica 0, Boavista 0—Varzim 0, Sporting 2—Academica 2, Braga 1—Farense 1, Vizela 0—Setubal 1, Rio Ave 0—Penafiel 1, Portimonense 1—Salgueiros 1, Belenenses 2.

WEST GERMAN LGE.—Bayer Uerdingen 2, Cologne 1—Bayer Leverkusen 2, Homburg 0—Kaiserslautern 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 1—Eintracht Brunswick 1, Fortuna Dusseldorf 0—Arminia Bielefeld 0, Waldhof Mannheim 1—Werder Bremen 3, Stuttgart 1—Borussia Dortmund 1, Bayern Munich 1.

SPANISH LGE.—Malaga 1, Hercules 1—Valencia 2, Barcelona 3—Murcia 1, Valladolid 2—Atletico de Madrid 0, Gijon 0—Real Sociedad 5, Sevilla 1—Osasuna 0, Santander 0—Elche 0, Zaragoza 0—Betis 0, Athletic de Bilbao 2—Espanol 2, Real Madrid 0.

Non-League Soccer

CHESHAM IN SOS MOVE

By NEIL SCOTT

Chesham, in danger of folding, may seek help from all 92 Football League clubs.

The League clubs will be asked if they can donate cash towards Chesham's £20,000 debts, play the Servowarm Isthmian League outfit in a fund-raising friendly fixture, or contribute memorabilia such as scarves or ties for auction in April or May.

Len Vockins, Chesham's commercial manager, says letters to League clubs are ready and officials are "just waiting to lick the envelopes."

Fund-raising

But first Chesham members, totalling 185, must vote at a meeting on Friday to wind up the present club and start a new one, Chesham United (1985), with four or five directors controlling the finances.

If the proposal is accepted, there will be a creditors' meeting later in the month and a range of fund-raising measures, including the appeal to Football League clubs, will begin.

Mr Vockins warns that if members reject the rescue plan on Friday, Chesham will fold after nearly 70 years in football.

Chesham has a new chairman, a local businessman, ready to take over if the new structure is agreed. Meanwhile, Pat Morrissey, the player manager, and the rest of the team will continue to show their loyalty by playing without wages or expenses.

LAWN TENNIS

WOMEN'S T'MENT (Hershey, Pennsylvania).—Final: R. White (U.S.) bt A. Minter (Australia) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

ARGENTINE GRAND PRIX (Buenos Aires).—Final: M. Jaite (Argentina) bt D. Perez (Uruguay) 6-4, 6-3.

U.S. WOMEN'S PROF. INDOOR CH'SHIPS (Princeton, New Jersey).—1st Rd: C. Bassett (Canada) bt S. Walsh 6-1, 6-4; G. Fernandez (Puerto Rico) bt A. White 7-5, 6-2; P. Casale bt M. Mesker (Holland) 6-2, 5-6, 6-3; C. Lindqvist (Sweden) bt E. Sayers-Smith (Australia) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

VIRGINIA SLIMS T'MENT (Hershey, Pennsylvania).—Final: R. White bt A. Minter (Australia) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.—Sydney: N. S. Wales 526 and 201-3 dec; Victoria 259 and 242. N. S. Wales won by 226 runs.

Hobart (no play, rain): Tasmania 307-5 dec. and 85-4 and W. Australia 158-2 dec. Match drawn.

Adelaide: S. Australia 210 and 365. Queensland 378-8 dec. and 185. S. Australia won by 12 runs.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

DIVISION II

Birmingham v Oldham
Charlton v Cardiff (7.45)
Wolves v Grimsby

DIVISION III

Bolton v Bristol C.
Brentford v Burnley (7.45)
Bristol R. v Wigan (7.45)
Cambridge v Doncaster
Plymouth v Orient
Swansea v Hull
York v Bournemouth

DIVISION IV

Blackpool v Tranmere
Chesterfield v Port Vale
Halifax v Peterborough
Northampton v Wrexham
Rochdale v Darlington
Swindon v Exeter
Torquay v Scunthorpe

SCOTTISH LGE.—Div. 1: Clydebank v Forfar. Div 2: Albion R. v Queen's Park.

GOLA LGE.—Frickley v Barrow.

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE.—Macclesfield v Gainsborough.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Premier Div: Bideford v Shepshed; Witney v Corby. Midland Div: Banbury v Wellingborough; Dudley v Moor Green; Stourbridge v Redditch. Southern Div: Andover v Cambridge C.; Ashford v Dover; Dorchester v Sheppey; Woodford v Gosport.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Huddersfield v Bradford C.; Man. City v Blackburn (6.45). Div. 2: Middlesbro v Leeds (7); Sunderland v Leicester.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Fulham v Luton (2); Ipswich v Swindon (2.15); Q.P.R. v Portsmouth (2).

EASTERN COUNTIES LGE.—Chatteris v Histon; Soham v March; Stowmarket v Gorleston.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LGE.—Premier Div: Barking v Wokingham; Dulwich v Harrow; Hendon v Sutton; Hitchin v B. Stortford; Slough v Wycombe; Windsor v Harlow. Div. 1: Aveley v Kingstonian; Bromley v Chesham; Clapton v Oxford; Hampton v Farnboro; Leatherhead v Maidenhead; Lewes v Tilbury; St Albans v Staines; Wembley v Hornchurch; Woking v Basildon. Div 2 North: Berkhamsted v Wolverton; Chalfont St P. v Heybridge; Finchley v Leyton-W; Haringey v Barton; Hemel H. v Stevenage; Harefield v Flackwell; Letchworth v Ware; Marlow v Epping; Royston v Kingsbury; Tring v Saffron W. Div 2 South: Bracknell v Egham; Horsham v Grays; Petersfield v Hungerford; Uxbridge v Ruislip.

REPRESENTATIVE.—Cambridge Univ v Territorial Army (Grange Rd, 2.15); F A XI v Northern Lges XI (Blyth); Combined Services Youth XI v F A Colts (RAF Uxbridge, 2.30).

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES CH'SHIP.—Army F A v Dorset F A (Military Stadium, Aldershot).

GT MILLS WESTERN LGE (7.45).—Premier Div: Bristol C. v Minehead; Clevedon v Mangotsfield; Liskeard v Dawlish; Paulton v Frome (7.30).

LONDON SENIOR CUP.—3rd Rd: Epsom v Southall.

LONDON SPARTAN LGE.—Premier Div: Amersham v Thatcham; Redhill v Cove Crusaders.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LGE.—Div 1, Cup, Semi-final: Arsenal v Orient (7).

RUGBY UNION.—Tredegar v Penarth (7).

Weekend Pools Guide

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SELECTIONS

TREBLE CHANCE (Home Teams).— Coventry, Sunderland, Carlisle, Leeds, Burnley, Preston, Bury, Barrow, Worcester, Dundee, St Johnstone.

DRAWS. — Coventry, Carlisle, Leeds, Burnley, Preston, Barrow.

AWAYS. — Blackburn, Oxford, Bradford, Mansfield, Dartford.

HOMES. — Norwich, Notts F., Birmingham, Manchester City, Bournemouth, Gilingham, Hull, Orient, Rotherham, Crewe, Darlington, Port Vale.

FIXED ODDS. — Homes: Norwich, Birmingham, Manch. C., Gillingham, Darlington. AWAYS: Fulham, Backburn, Dundee: Draws: Leeds, Burney, St Johnstone.

SEQUENCES

GAMES SINCE DRAW

Sunderland 16
Coventry 13
Hibs 13
Southampton 12
Southend 12
Brighton 9
Millwall 9
Partick 9
Villa 8
Bristol Rovers 7
Darlington 7
Manchester City 7
Alloa 6
Arsenal 6
Bristol City 6
Dundee 6
Northampton 6
Rochdale 6
Walsall 6
Rochdale 6
Walsall 6

SINCE HOME WIN

St Johnstone 5
Queen of South 4
Aldershot 3
Birmingham 3

SINCE HOME DEFEAT

Darlington 13
Gillingham 12
Birmingham 9
Kilmarnock 9
Notts Forest 8
Bury 7
Dundee 7
Exeter 7

SINCE HOME DRAW

Albion Rovers 15
Falkirk 12
Bristol City 10
Alloa 7
Coventry 6
Shrewsbury 6
Sunderland 6

SINCE AWAY WIN

Newcastle 12
Cambridge 11
Northampton 10
Swansea 10
Swindon 10
Lincoln 9
Stockport 9
Torquay 8
Halifax 7
Chesterfield 7
Fulham 7

SINCE AWAY DEFEAT

Blackburn 9
East Fife 4
Stirling 3
Swansea 3

SINCE AWAY DRAW

Stockport 10
Bradford 6
Queen's Park 7
Reading 6
[illegible] 5
Rochdale 8

FORM AT A GLANCE

Chart shows Cup, League, League Cup and Freight Rover Trophy games only with most recent matches on the right. W—win; L—defeat; S—score-draw; D—0-0.

DIVISION I

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
L W W L W	Coventry v Q P R	W L D D L	X
W W S W L	Norwich v A. Villa	S L L W W	1
W S D W W	Nottm For. v Newcastle	L S L S L	1
L L L W W	Sunderland v Arsenal	W S S L L	X

DIVISION II

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W W S D S	Birmingham v Notts Co.	D L L W L	1
L L D W D	Cardiff v Fulham	L S S L L	2
L L W L S	Carlisle v Grimsby	D L L S D	X
W L L W L	C. Palace v Wolves	L L L S D	1
S L W D W	Leeds v Huddersfield	W L S L S	X
S W W L W	Manch. C. v Middlesbro'	W L D L L	1
L W W S L	Oldham v Blackburn	S D S W S	2
W L S W W	Sheffield U. v Oxford	W W L L S	2
W W L W W	Shrewsbury v Charlton	S L D W L	1

DIVISION III

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W W W W L	Bournemouth v Lincoln	L L D L S	1
W L W W L	Bristol C. v Bradford	W L W W L	1
L W W S W	Burnley v Reading	L L W W L	X
W S S W W	Gillingham v Brentford	L S W L S	1
W S W L W	Hull v Derby	L D L L L	1
D L W L S	Orient v Newport	S W L S W	1
S L L W W	Preston v Bolton	L W D L L	X
W S W W S	Rotherham v Plymouth	L W L D L	1
W D W W W	Walsall v Swansea	L L S S D	1
W S L W L	Wigan v Cambridge	L L L L S	1

DIVISION IV

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
S W S L L	Aldershot v Northampton	S L L L L	1
W W S S W	Bury v Blackpool	W W L D W	X
W D S W L	Crewe v Stockport	L L L L L	1
W S S W W	Darlington v Halifax	L S L L L	1
W W S W W	Exeter v Chesterfield	L L S S L	1
S W L L W	Hartlepool v Torquay	S L D L L	1
S W W W D	Peterboro' v Rochdale	W L W L L	1
W S S W W	Pt Vale v Swindon	S L L D L	1
L S W S S	Wrexham v Mansfield	S L W D L	2

GOLA LEAGUE

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W W W D L	Altrincham v Wealdstone	L W W S L	1
D L W S W	Barrow v Bath	L W S W L	X
W S W L W	Boston v Dagenham	W L L S L	1
W S W W W	Enfield v Weymouth	W D S L D	1
L L W W S	Gateshead v Dartford	L S W W L	2
L W W S L	Kidderminster v Frickley	L W L W S	1
L S W D L	Runcorn v Maidstone	S S S L L	X
W W W W D	Telford v Scarborough	S L W W L	2
L L L S L	Worcester v Kettering	W S L L W	X
S L D W L	Yeovil v Barnet	W L L W L	X

Void on coupon: Altrincham, Runcorn.

SCOTTISH F A CUP—Fourth Round

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W S W W W	Dundee v Celtic	W W W L D	X
D S W L W	St Mirren v Dundee Utd	W W L D W	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Division I

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
W L L W D	Clyde v Ayr	L L L W L	1
W W L L W	Falkirk v Clydebank	W L S W D	2
W D S W D	Kilmarnock v Hamilton	W L W W S	2
L L S S L	St Johnstone v E. Fife	L W S S S	X

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Division II

Last Five Home Games	Fixture	Last Five Away Games	Fcst
L L L W W	Albion v Stranraer	S D S W L	X
L W W W L	Alloa v Queen's Pk	W L L L L	1
W W D D W	Arbroath v Dunfermline	D S L W W	2
L S L D W	Berwick v E. Stirling	L L S L D	1
D W L D W	Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir	L W D L D	1
W L L L L	Qu. o' Sth v Montrose	L L W W L	2
W S L L W	Raith v Stirling	L L S S W	1

Football League and Scottish tables

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Everton	[illegible]	9	3	2	39	15	8	2	3	21	16	58
Tottnhm	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	1	29	12	9	3	4	24	15	54
Man Utd	28	9	4	2	22	10	5	3	5	19	22	46
Liverpl	[illegible]	8	4	3	23	9	5	5	3	17	14	48
Sheff W	[illegible]	8	6	1	28	15	4	4	4	14	11	46
Arsenal	28	10	3	2	29	12	4	1	8	19	25	46
Sthmptn	[illegible]	8	2	3	16	13	5	5	5	22	20	46
Nottm F	[illegible]	10	1	2	27	13	4	2	8	14	22	45
Chelsea	28	9	2	3	26	13	1	8	5	14	20	40
A Villa	[illegible]	7	4	3	22	15	3	3	7	16	26	37
Norwich	[illegible]	8	3	2	21	11	2	4	5	12	26	37
Newcstle	29	5	4	5	26	17	1	5	8	17	36	36
W B A	26	7	3	3	24	12	3	2	10	16	31	35
QPR	29	6	6	3	26	22	2	5	7	9	25	35
Leicester	[illegible]	6	4	5	31	21	3	2	7	14	27	33
W Ham	26	5	4	5	17	15	3	4	4	16	24	32
Watford	26	4	4	4	26	22	3	5	6	21	28	30
Sundrlnd	[illegible]	7	2	3	18	13	1	3	11	13	26	29
Coventry	28	6	3	5	16	16	2	1	11	12	32	28
Ipswich	25	5	4	4	17	15	1	3	8	7	20	25
Luton	26	5	5	3	20	16	1	2	10	11	31	25
Stoke	[illegible]	2	2	9	13	25	0	4	11	4	31	12

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Man City	29	10	2	2	27	11	6	5	4	19	13	55
Blackbn	28	10	2	2	29	12	5	6	3	22	15	53
Brmnghm	26	5	4	2	14	10	11	0	4	23	12	52
Oxford	26	10	1	1	39	12	5	4	5	14	12	50
Leeds	29	8	5	2	29	10	5	1	6	20	22	47
Portsmth	28	8	4	2	29	17	4	7	3	17	19	47
Fulham	29	11	1	3	30	19	3	3	8	22	31	46
Brighton	28	8	4	2	17	7	5	2	7	13	15	45
Grimsby	28	10	1	5	36	23	4	4	5	19	22	44
Hddrsfld	28	8	2	5	21	20	5	3	5	18	18	44
Barnsley	27	8	3	2	19	9	3	7	4	14	16	43
Shrwsbry	27	8	3	2	30	17	3	5	6	17	21	41
Wmbldn	27	6	4	3	28	21	5	1	8	25	31	38
Sheff U	29	6	4	4	27	21	2	6	6	17	27	34
Carlisle	29	5	3	5	13	12	4	2	10	19	35	32
Charlton	27	5	4	4	26	21	3	2	9	11	20	30
Oldham	29	6	3	6	18	19	2	3	9	11	34	30
C Palace	27	4	5	4	17	19	2	4	8	14	26	27
Middlsbr	30	3	7	6	16	23	3	1	10	16	23	26
Wolves	29	4	4	7	15	20	2	3	9	15	32	25
Notts Co	29	3	5	7	11	21	2	1	11	12	33	21
Cardiff	28	3	3	8	16	29	2	2	10	15	30	20

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Bradford	30	11	4	1	29	11	8	2	4	20	15	63
Gllnghm	28	10	4	1	35	16	6	1	6	14	23	53
Millwall	28	11	3	0	29	7	4	4	6	18	21	52
Hull	30	11	2	2	28	9	3	8	4	18	22	52
Rothrhm	29	9	5	1	30	16	6	2	7	14	18	52
Bristol C	30	10	2	3	30	15	4	4	7	17	21	48
York	30	9	4	2	29	12	5	1	9	21	26	49
Bnemth	32	11	2	3	23	11	2	5	9	9	19	46
Walsall	27	5	6	2	20	13	7	3	4	19	18	45
Bristol R	29	9	3	1	22	9	4	3	9	20	27	45
Reading	28	7	4	3	25	27	6	2	5	21	20	45
Doncstr	29	9	3	4	31	21	3	2	8	18	24	41
Derby	29	9	4	1	28	16	2	3	10	14	24	40
Bolton	31	10	4	3	31	12	1	0	13	15	32	37
Wigan	29	7	3	3	15	9	2	7	7	16	27	37
Newport	28	7	2	4	19	14	2	6	7	16	24	35
Plymth	28	[illegible]	4	3	23	16	2	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brentfrd	30	7	2	5	24	20	2	6	8	13	28	35
Lincoln	28	5	6	3	23	11	1	4	7	8	16	34
Burnley	28	5	5	5	26	16	3	3	7	18	28	32
Preston	28	6	4	6	26	30	2	0	11	10	36	28
Swansea	31	4	3	8	13	25	2	5	9	15	30	26
Orient	30	5	2	7	19	25	1	3	11	13	29	26
Cmbridg	29	2	1	10	9	25	1	4	11	15	34	14

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Bury	29	9	3	1	30	11	8	4	4	20	17	58
Blackpl	29	10	4	0	23	6	7	3	5	21	18	58
Chestrfld	29	11	4	1	30	11	4	5	4	16	18	54
Darlngtn	27	9	2	1	22	8	6	7	2	17	15	54
Colchstr	29	10	3	2	34	20	5	5	4	26	24	53
Herefrd	27	11	1	1	22	5	4	6	4	20	16	52
Peterbro	31	11	1	1	26	12	4	3	9	17	23	51
Tranmre	30	10	1	3	31	15	4	2	10	21	30	45
Crewe	30	9	3	6	26	24	5	1	5	17	19	45
Scunthrp	29	7	4	3	30	20	4	5	6	16	19	42
Swindon	30	10	2	3	27	15	2	4	9	11	25	42
P Vale	28	7	5	3	26	17	1	4	6	14	20	39
Hartlepl	30	6	6	4	21	19	4	3	7	12	30	39
Sothnd	31	7	4	4	24	25	3	3	10	20	37	37
Mansfld	27	7	2	3	15	6	2	7	6	7	12	36
Stockprt	27	8	4	4	33	18	1	2	8	9	27	31
Exeter	29	7	6	3	23	14	1	1	9	15	34	33
Halifax	29	6	1	7	17	18	3	1	10	9	25	30
Chester	27	6	3	5	24	17	1	4	8	20	25	28
Rchdale	29	4	4	6	19	18	3	1	8	11	24	28
Aldershot	26	4	4	4	18	15	3	1	11	15	33	26
Torquay	30	3	8	5	15	18	2	2	10	13	36	26
Wrexhm	28	4	4	5	24	19	2	1	12	17	32	23
Nthmptn	30	4	1	8	18	20	3	1	13	17	37	23

SCOTTISH LGE—Prem. Div.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Abrdeen	28	11	3	1	40	10	9	1	3	24	11	44
Celtic	26	9	2	1	34	7	7	4	3	22	15	38
Rangers	28	6	6	3	16	8	5	5	3	20	18	33
Dndee U	26	9	2	3	33	16	4	4	4	11	9	32
Hearts	27	6	2	6	19	18	6	3	4	18	23	29
St Mirrn	28	6	2	5	15	16	6	2	7	17	26	28
Dundee	27	6	2	5	30	15	4	4	6	17	22	26
Hbs	28	4	3	7	21	20	2	2	10	8	28	17
Dumbrtn	27	3	4	6	15	20	2	1	9	12	27	17
Morton	27	3	1	9	14	27	1	0	13	8	48	9

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Clydbnk	28	9	2	3	31	10	5	7	2	30	16	37
Mthrwell	26	6	4	3	20	12	5	2	5	26	20	36
Airdrie	27	10	1	2	30	14	5	4	5	20	16	35
Forfar	27	7	5	2	24	14	4	4	5	18	20	31
Brechin	29	6	3	6	21	21	4	4	5	19	18	31
Hamiltn	29	6	3	6	17	17	6	4	4	16	19	31
E Fife	29	5	5	6	28	20	5	5	3	22	17	30
Falkirk	28	6	1	6	30	28	7	3	5	21	20	30
Clyde	29	6	4	4	23	19	4	6	5	14	17	30
Ayr	27	6	4	4	20	18	2	3	8	15	21	23
Partck	29	7	3	5	23	17	1	3	10	13	28	22
Klmrnck	28	5	7	2	16	15	2	1	11	10	31	22
Mdwbnk	29	4	5	5	21	22	1	5	9	13	28	20
St Jhnstn	28	3	3	8	16	23	1	1	10	23	34	19

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Alloa	28	8	3	2	24	10	9	4	2	21	13	41
Montrse	28	9	3	2	24	16	9	1	4	22	14	40
Dnfrmlne	27	4	7	3	24	16	8	2	3	30	13	33
Cwdnbth	26	7	3	3	27	15	5	3	5	21	16	30
Stnhsmr	26	5	5	4	15	16	4	5	3	13	13	28
Strlng A	27	3	6	4	22	19	4	6	4	21	17	26
Raith	26	5	1	6	16	15	4	5	5	20	23	24
Strnrer	25	5	1	6	23	19	4	4	5	15	21	23
Berwick	27	4	6	3	14	12	3	3	8	13	18	23
Quns Pk	27	6	4	6	25	16	3	1	7	14	25	23
E Strlng	27	5	4	5	20	19	1	6	6	12	22	22
Queen o' S	26	3	4	6	17	19	3	5	5	12	18	21
Albion R	25	5	0	7	12	18	3	4	6	15	26	20
Arbroath	29	4	4	6	14	21	3	2	10	12	32	20

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TELEVISION

TUESDAY GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6 50 a.m.-9.20 BREAKFAST TIME — with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 10.30-10.50 Play School, rpt.

12 30 NEWS, WEATHER. 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only); Financial Report and News Headlines.

1 00 PEBBLE MILL AT ONE — including a report on the problems of battered wives and more embroidery tips from Jan Beaney. 1.45 Hokey Cokey, rpt. 2-2.25 Blizzard's Wizard Woodwork—Oak Steak Plates. 3.48 (not London) Regional News.

3 50 PLAY SCHOOL. 4.10 Dastardly and Muttley, rpt. 4.15 Wilkes the Wizard by Jackie Webb, read by Christopher Biggins. 4.30 Laurel and Hardy cartoon. 4.35 Think Again, rpt.

5 00 JOHN CRAVEN'S NEWSROUND. 5.10 The Record Breakers. 5.35 World Figure Skating Championships from Tokyo, with Karen Barber and Nicky Slater competing for Britain. Wales: Wales Today.

6 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 35 REGIONAL MAGAZINES. Wales: The Chris Stuart Cha-Cha Chat Show.

7 00 EASTENDERS. (Ceefax.)

7 30 BLANKETY BLANK.

8 05 *MAELSTROM — Into the Vortex. Catherine enlists the aid of her journalist friend Anders Bjorkson in her search to find who tried to run her down in her boat. This latest serial from Michael J. Bird is simmering away quite nicely with lots of hints of dark deeds, plenty of eerie atmosphere and a mystery that, at the moment at least, seems as deep and unfathomable as the Norwegian fjords which provide such a spectacular setting. (Ceefax.)

8 50 POINTS OF VIEW — Barry Took with more viewers' comments on BBC programmes.

9 00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9 25 THE BRITISH ACADEMY AWARDS—The ubiquitous Terry Wogan pops up yet again to introduce the awards ceremony which is televised live from The Grosvenor House in London. Among the television nominations are the BBC's "Threads" for best single drama, "Tenko" for best drama series and "Hi-De-Hi" and "Just Good Friends" for the best comedy series. On the film side the British production "The Killing Fields" has been nominated in nine categories.

11 25 LOOSE ENDS—General knowledge quiz presented by Tim Brooke-Taylor. London and South East quiz (Wales—Figure Skating; East—Spectrum; Midlands—Behind the Wall; Winson Green Prison; North—Northern Lights; South—Southern Life; South West—Beyond the Foaming Horse; (West—BPM). 11.55 Weather.

BBC-2

6 30 a.m.-7.20 OPEN UNIVERSITY.

9 00-2.35 DAYTIME ON TWO — a run of short educational programmes for children and adults, mostly repeats.

5 25 NEWS, WEATHER. 5.30 Willo the Wisp, rpt. 5.35 Dear Heart.

6 00 THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF CRICKET—The first semi-final from Sydney: India v New Zealand.

6 50 OFF THE RECORD — Martin Shaw chats to Steve Blacknell about his record collection and picks out some of his favourite discs.

7 00 WHISTLE TEST — Including music from John Hiatt and James King and The Lonewolves, David Hepworth examining how photography has depicted the rock music scene, Joan Armatrading and Eric Clapton talking about their music and Richard Skinner with the latest charts.

8 00 TOP GEAR—A new series is launched at the Geneva Show where William Woollard and Sue Baker pick out some of the highlights and Frank Page tests three new cars.

8 30 ENTERTAINMENT U.S.A. 2 — Jonathan looks back on some of his reports on the American showbusiness scene and updates them.

9 00 INSIDE OUT — Max takes Carla and the gang on a visit to his parents' ramshackled seaside home. (Ceefax.)

9 50 POT BLACK 85. First quarter-final: Doug Mountjoy v Neal Foulds.

10 15 MAESTRO — Beg Harris. He bought his first cycle for three shillings and sixpence—seventeen and a half pence in today's currency—and went on to become the country's most outstanding cyclist, winning the world sprint cycling title five times. Here he looks back over his extraordinary career, emerging as a quietly spoken, rather modest man with an almost ruthless dedication to winning. Always very much his own man, he is a self-confessed loner who was never afraid to take on the authorities and still has the strength of his own convictions.

10 55 NEWSNIGHT. 11.45-12.40 a.m. Open University.

ITV Thames

6 15 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN. 9.25 Thames News 9.30 For Schools. 12 Ice Skating — The World Figure Skating Championships from Tokyo, including the Compulsory Dances and the Men's Short Programme.

1 00 NEWS. 1.50 Thames News. 2 Whose Baby? Repeat.

2 30 DAYTIME—Sarah Kennedy, her guests and studio audience discuss another current topic. 3 Gambit, with Tom O'Connor. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.

4 00 COCKLESHELL BAY—Repeat. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Behind the Bike Sheds. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Ice Skating—The World Figure Skating Championships from Tokyo, including the Pairs' Short Programme.

5 45 NEWS.

6 00 THAMES NEWS.

6 20 HELP! — with Sally Hawkins: In Touch.

6 30 CROSSROADS.

6 55 REPORTING LONDON: Fly-tipping.

7 30 BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY — The winning policemen return to take on the challenge from three Nottinghamshire farmers and a trio of London croupiers. (Oracle.)

8 00 UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE — A Cuckoo in the Nest. Repeat.

8 30 CHANCE IN A MILLION—Plumstones. Repeat of the eccentric comedy first shown on Channel 4 with Simon Callow as the manic menace who brings chaos in his wake wherever he goes. Got off to quite a promising start but seemed to fall off towards the end of the series, as if the writers had run out of variations on the theme.

9 00 *TELEVISION — News Power. Continuing the worldwide history of the medium, this programme moves on to television news, tracing its development from the first TV news in America in the forties to today's high-powered satellite broadcasts. (Oracle.)

10 00 NEWS AT TEN, followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 30 FIRST TUESDAY — Mary Rivers to Cross/Miners' Strike. The story of three generations of the musical Campbell family, whose songs and music have reflected Britain's social background from the thirties to the present day and Jonathan Dimbleby canvassing opinions from the coalfields as the strike officially ends.

11 30 THE MASTER—The Java Tiger, with Lee Van Cleef. 12.25 Night Thoughts, with Frank Field.

Channel 4

2 30 p.m. THE HUMAN JUNGLE — Solo Performance. B/w, rpt. 3.25 The Three Stooges in "Monkey Businessmen".

3 45 YEARS AHEAD — presented by Robert Dougall and including a film illustrating society's attitude towards growing old.

4 30 COUNTDOWN — with Richard Whiteley. 5 Bewitched. 5.30 Making the Most of . . . Including items on canoeing and motor cycling.

6 00 HERE WE GO. An up-to-date account of the experiences of striking miners in South Yorkshire.

7 00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS; at 7.50 Comment by Joan Peters, and Weather.

** Outstanding.

8 00 BROOKSIDE.

8 30 HOLIDAY TALK — Frankie Vaughan explains to Lesley Judd why he has been going to Majorca for 28 years and journalist Val Hennessy tracks down some of the island's hidden beauty spots.

9 00 "INTERIORS" (1978). For his first drama as writer-director, Woody Allen wandered intrepidly into Ingmar Bergman territory with this study of a family crowded with unhappy, frustrated men and women. The result was an uneven film of much anguish and disillusionment which still remained often quite moving and involving. With Diane Keaton, Richard Jordan, Geraldine Page, Sam Waterston and the scene-stealing Maureen Stapleton.

10 45-11.40 EASTERN EYE — Magazine programme for Britain's Asian communities.

* Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Ice Skating.
1 00 News; TVS News.
2 00 Whose Baby?
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Questions, rpt.
3 27 TVS News: The Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Ice Skating.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 25 Police 5.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million—new series of Channel 4's sitcom, with Simon Callow and Brenda Blethyn.
9 00 Television.
10 00 News; TVS News.
10 30 First Tuesday — Many Rivers to Cross/Miners' Strike: double documentary:
11 30 Star Parade—James Last & his Orchestra.
12 30 Company.

Central

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Ice Skating.
1 00 News; Central News.
2 00 Whose Baby?
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit.
3 25 News.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Ice Skating.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million—new series of Channel 4's sitcom, with Simon Callow and Brenda Blethyn.
9 00 Television.
10 00 News; Central News.
10 30 First Tuesday — Many Rivers to Cross/Miners' Strike: double documentary:
11 30-12.30 Sheena Easton Live at The Palace.

Anglia

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Ice Skating.
1 00 News; Anglia News.
2 00 Whose Baby? Rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Ice Skating.
5 45 News.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Different Strokes.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million—new series of Channel 4's sitcom, with Simon Callow and Brenda Blethyn.
9 00 Television.
10 00 News; Anglia News.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Ice Skating.
1 00 News; Calendar News.
2 00 Whose Baby?
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit.
3 25 News.
3 30 A Country Practice.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Ice Skating.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million—new series of Channel 4's sitcom, with Simon Callow and Brenda Blethyn.
9 00 Television.
10 30 First Tuesday — Many Rivers to Cross/Miners' Strike: double documentary:
11 30 Mammix.
12 25 A Question of Lent.

HTV

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Ice Skating.
1 00 News; HTV News.
2 00 Whose Baby? Rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit; HTV News.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Ice Skating.
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million—new series of Channel 4's sitcom, with Simon Callow and Brenda Blethyn.
9 00 Television.
10 00 News; HTV News.
10 50 First Tuesday—Many Rivers to Cross/Miners' Strike: double documentary.
11 30 Air Supply (Rock band) in Hawaii.
12 30 Weather.
HTV Wales: 6 p.m.-6.35 Wales at Six.

S4C

1 00 Countdown.
1 30 Alice.
2 00 Hwyl Ac Yma.
2 20 Ffalabalam.
2 35-2.50 Am Gymru.
3 25 The Late, Late Show.
4 20 A Plus 4.
4 50 Ffalabalam.
5 05 Bilidowcar.
5 25 Project UFO.
6 30 Larwm.
7 00 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 Cefn Gwlad.
8 00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues.
8 30 Relative Strangers; Penawdau Newyddion.
9 00 Elinor ac Eraill.
9 45 Here We Go: Miners' documentary.
10 45 City General.
11 15-1.15 "Mean Streets" (1975) sordid melodrama directed by Martin Scorsese: Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel.

TSW

6 15-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 For Schools.
12 00 Ice Skating.
1 00 News; Local News.
2 00 Whose Baby?
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 The Moomins.
4 20 Behind the Bike Sheds.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Televiews.
6 40 Consumer Check.
7 00 Who's The Boss?
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million—new series of Channel 4's sitcom, with Simon Callow and Brenda Blethyn.
9 00 Television.
10 00 News; Local News.
10 31 First Tuesday—Many Rivers to Cross/Miners' Strike: double documentary.
11 30 Ice Skating.
12 00 Fisheries News.
12 10 Postscript.
12 15 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 30 For Schools.
12 00-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 Wattoo, Wattoo.
5 20 Gulliver.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Secrets of the Coast.
7 00-12 As TSW.
12 00 Commentaires et Previsions Meteorologiques: Weather.

Open University

BBC 2 TV: 6.30 a.m. S236, 8.35-7.20 D102. 11.25 p.m. S271. 12.10 a.m.-12.40 AD208.
Radio 4 VHF: 11.30 p.m. Open Forum. 11.50-12 Music.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 A512.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Seven Wonders of the Modern World. 7.45 Network U.K. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 Sins of Old Age. 8.30 The Elements of Music. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10 News. 10.1 Discovery. 10.30 Bye, Bye Blues. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from London.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Foreign Correspondents. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Network U.K. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2 Outlook. 2.45 In Spite of Ourselves. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.9 Meridian. 5.40 Scotland This Week.

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Romantic Piano. 11.30 Meridian.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Report on Religion. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Romantic Piano. 2.30 Bye, Bye Blues. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 The World Today.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on f/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today, with News, Sport and Thought for the Day.
9 00 News.
9 05 Tuesday Call—01-580 4444: Drug-abuse.
10 00 From Our Own Correspondent.
10 30 Morning Story.
10 45 Service.
11 00 "Top Tips"—play by Dave Morris, with Sue Jenkins and David Fleeshman as a couple who seek advice from a radio programme about the care of their plant.
11 32 Wildlife, presented by Derek Jones.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 My Word!
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on f/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour, introduced by Sue MacGregor.
3 00 "That's Not What Little Girls Are Made Of" — a black comedy by Barbara Ann Villiers set on board a passenger liner en route from Sydney to Portsmouth.
4 00 Origins: Archaeology—The Preserve of the Over-40s? A report from Malcolm Billings.
4 40 Story Time: "Miss Mole" (2).
5 00 PM (5.50 on f/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News; Financial News.
6 30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere—An Everyday Story of Towering Genius (2), rpt.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Fife on 4: Will "Star Wars" help or hinder next week's start of the Geneva talks on nuclear arms control?
8 00 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts.
8 30 The State of the Vatican—new series of five documentary reports by Bernard Jackson (1): Crossroads to Christendom.
9 00 In Touch, presented by Ian MacRae.
9 30 Treasure Islands (5): St Lucia and Martinique.
9 45 Kaleidoscope, presented by Michael Oliver.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "The Green Man" (2).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 Financial World.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.
VHF: 11 a.m.-12 For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2-3 For Schools. 11 p.m. Study on 4: Crisis in Education. 11.30-12 Open University. 12.30 a.m.-1.10 Night-time Schools.

THREE

5 30 a.m.-12.30 on m/w Cricket from Australia.
6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Morning Concert (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 This Week's Composer: Shostakovich.
10 05 Concerti Grossi: Stradella, Bloch.
10 45 Saint-Saëns and Villa-Lobos: BBC Singers conducted by John Lubbock.
11 15 Nash Ensemble, rpt: Beethoven, Saint-Saëns, Ravel.
12 10 BBC Scottish SO conducted by James Loughran: Vaughan Williams, Stenhammar, Beethoven (1-1.5 News).
1 50 Guitar Encores.
2 20 Voices and Strings: BBC Singers, conducted by Andrew Greenwood, with the Lasalle String Quartet — Mendelssohn, Brahms, Schoenberg, Wolf, Zemlinsky, Mendelssohn.
4 00 David Wilde (piano) from Broadcasting House: Beethoven.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Tudor Church Music—new series of three programmes (1): Thomas Tallis.
7 00 Three Premières—BBC PO and Martin Roscoe (piano), conducted by Edward Downes: Charles Dakin's Sinfonia Rasa, George Lloyd's Piano Concerto No. 2, Michael Ball's Resurrection Symphonies (7.50-7.55 Reading).
8 30 Janacek's "Osud" (Fate)—opera in three acts: sung in Rodney Blumer's new English translation, with libretto by the composer and Fedora Bartosova. English National Opera production, recorded at the London Coliseum last September.
10 00 Jazz Today: presented by Charles Fox, featuring Roger Dean's Lexis.
11 00 Northern Sinfonia, Cynthia Buchan (mezzo-soprano): Berlioz, Haydn. Rpt.
11 57-12 News.
5 20 a.m. Wednesday—12.30 on m/w Cricket from Australia.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Gloria Hunniford.
3.30 Music All the Way.
4 00 David Hamilton, from the Ideal Home Exhibition.
6 00 Paul Heiney.
8 00 Hubert Gregg.
9 00 Radio Orchestra.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Pop Score.
10 30 Give Us a Conch.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Bill Rennells.
3 00-4 Night Owls, rpt.
VHF: 10 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Andy Peebles.
12 00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat).
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat).
7 30 Janice Long.
10 00-12 John Peel.

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BIRTHS

BAKER.—On Feb. 23, to JASEY (nee Ahmead) and JAMES, a son (James Herbert Redwood), brother for Jessica.

BAMFORD.—On March 2, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to GILLIAN (nee Emery) and STEPHEN, a son (Peter Michael), a brother for James and Edward.

CORBETT.—On March 3, at Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine, to SANDRA (nee Bergman) and JOHN, a son (Jonathan Arthur Cameron), to be known as Cameron, a brother for Jason and Jordan.

COUZENS. — On March 2, to DEBORAH (nee Cowper) and DAVID, a daughter (Alexandra Anne).

CULVERHOUSE.—On Feb. 28, at Wycombe Hospital, to GILLIAN (nee Abbott) and IAN, a son (Lewis George Elmer), a brother for Emily.

CURTIS.—On March 2, 1985, at Simpsons, Edinburgh, to JANE (nee Kirkby) and ALASTAIR, a daughter (Sarah-Elizabeth Louise).

DAVIES.—On Feb. 26, to ROSAMOND (nee Dunn-Cleaton) and PETER, a daughter (Phoebe Rosamund), a sister for Polly-anna.

EZERINS. — On March 3, in Sydney, Australia, to SALLY (nee Cranwell) and ANDREW, a son (Adam Christian).

FEWTRELL. — On March 3, at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, to FIONA (nee Knight) and MALCOLM, a son (Matthew Scott), a brother for James, Nicholas and Kirsty.

FREEMAN.—On Feb. 28, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to ROSEMARY and PATRICK, a son (Nicholas Henry George), a brother for Michael.

GERRETT.—On Feb. 28, to YVONNE (nee Bidwell) and NIGEL, a daughter (Nicola Louise).

HANDEL. — On March 2, 1985, to Kim (nee Dermit) and CHRISTOPHER, a daughter (Holly Francesa).

HAWKES.—On Feb. 28, at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Pim and MIKE, a daughter (Tania Maxine).

HENDERSON. — On Feb. 26, to KATE (nee Aspelbacke) and BRUCE, a son (Rugidhri Thomas James). Address: 13623 Runnymeade, Sugar Land, TX 77478, U.S.A.

HILLIER.—On March 2, to HARRY (nee Elkins) and ANTHONY, a son (Charles Anthony), brother to Katharine and Caroline.

HODGSON.—On March 1, to CLAIRE (nee Willett) and NIGEL, a son (Charles), brother for Thomas.

HUMPHREY. — On March 2, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A., to LAURA (nee Goodman) and JOHN, a son (Graham Goodman).

KENNARD.—On Feb. 25, at Farnborough Hospital, Bromley, to LESLEY (nee Purdy) and RENTON, a daughter (Sophie Lynette), a sister to Nicola and Louise.

McCONVILLE. — On March 2, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to HEATHER (nee Drew) and JOHN, a daughter (Christabel), a sister for Amber and Jake.

MCMILLAN.—On March 1, at West London Hospital, to SUSIE (nee Marshall) and CHARLES, a son (Oliver Joseph).

MUUE.—On March 1, in Düsseldorf, to ALEXANDRA (nee Negretti) and DAVID, a son (Robert Alexander Carteret), a brother for Emma.

MILLER.—On March 1, to CAROL (nee Erskine) and A. K., a daughter (Jennifer Catherine Susanne).

MURRAY.—On Feb. 28, at Cuckfield Hospital, Sussex, to RHONA (nee Silverwood) and SIMON, a daughter (Joanna Margaret).

NOONAN.—On Feb. 22, 1985, to ANNA (nee McCormick) and DERMOT, a son (Oliver Charles).

PAGET STEAVENSON.—On Feb. 28, to DEENA and RUPERT, a daughter.

PATTRICK.—On March 2, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to JUDITH (nee Hipperson) and DAVID, a son (Jonathan Gilson).

ROTHWELL.—On March 1, 1985, at Crawley Hospital, to SUE (nee Kennedy) and MIKE, a son (Richard Tavistock), a brother for David.

SUGDEN.—On March 1, to JANET (nee Fiona) and PETER, twin sons.

WADSWORTH.—On March 1, 1985, to MIRANDA and GEORGE, a son (Richard).

WILLIAMS. — On March 1, to GENNA and MICHAEL, a daughter (Marina Louise Rose).

YOUNG.—On March 3, at St Luke's, Guildford, to SALLY (nee Richardson) and PIP, a daughter (Abinail), a sister for Sarah, Esther and Smith.

CHRISTENING

HUGHES.—The infant son of Mr and Mrs PHILIP HUGHES was christened Joseph Andrew Francis by the Rev Mark Honeyball at Bath Abbey on March 3. The Godparents are Mr David Cornfield, Cdr. and Mrs Richard Dare, and Mrs Michael Anderton, for whom Mrs Lorna McRobb stood proxy.

MARRIAGES

HAYES—STOLZ. — On Jan. 19, 1985, at Pilgrim's Rest, Eastern Transvaal, CHRISTOPHER HAYES to AMANDA STOLZ.

SCHULTEIS—SLATER.—On Monday, Feb. 25, in London, Mr SIMON SCHULTEIS to Miss TANYA SLATER.

SILVER WEDDING

WARD—SANFON.—On March 5, 1960, at St. Katherine's Church, Merstham, Surrey, JEANNE to VIRGINIA.

RUBY WEDDING

FURNIVALL—KEYTON.—On March 3, 1945, at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, VICTOR to STELLA. Now living Flat 1, 6, Wellington Terrace, Sandgate, Kent.

GOLDEN WEDDING

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DEATHS

ADAMS.—On March 3, peacefully at Budleigh Salterton Hospital, CECIL GRANGER, aged 76, of 10, Woodlands, Budleigh Salterton, formerly of Bartonon-Humberside, beloved husband of Dorothy and loving brother of Edna. Funeral service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium Friday, March 8, at 11.50 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to League of Friends, Budleigh Salterton Hospital.

ALDERSON.—On Feb. 27, 1985, suddenly, JOAN ALDERSON, daughter of the late William and Emily Alderson, sister of Norah (formerly of Women's Royal Voluntary Service (Services Welfare). All inquiries tel. Fareham 72023.

ANDERSON.—On Sunday, March 3, at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, after a short illness, ALEXANDER, Senior Consulting Engineer, Aramco, Saudi Arabia, beloved husband of Joan Gilmour and dear father of Carol, Stuart and Ian. Funeral to Glasgow Crematorium at 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, March 6. No flowers, please. Donations to Dr Burnett, Leukaemia Research, Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

ABBEY. — On March 3, 1985, ESTHER LYDIA ABBEY, S.R.N., A.R.R.C., aged 99 years, of Ravenscroft, Broughton, Huntingdon, late Sister Tutor at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping. Funeral Broughton Church, March 8, at 2.30 p.m.

AWCOCK.—On March 1, peacefully in Cuckfield Hospital, ROSALIN MARY, of Downsview, Freshfield Lane, Danehill. Funeral service to take place at Danehill Parish Church on Friday, March 8, at 3 p.m., followed by cremation at Worthing. Inquiries to Cooper & Son Funeral Service, Uckfield 3763 and Lewes 475357.

BEAVAN.—On March 1, peacefully at home, NORA ELLEN, widow of JOHN WALTER BEAVAN. A dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service 1 p.m., Friday, March 8, at Christchurch, Portsdown, followed by cremation at Portchester. Family flowers only, please. Donations if so desired to British Diabetic Association or Gardiners Royal Benevolent Society, both c/o Midland Bank, 83, High Street, Gosport, Hants.

BELL.—On Feb. 28, quite unexpectedly at her home, Westcott, Metcombe, Ottery St Mary, Devon, ELIZABETH MARY (Betty), wife of the late Commander Bayas. BELL, R.N. (Ret'd). Funeral service at St Edward's Church, Sutton Park, Guildford, on Friday, March 8, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers. Donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, London E.8.

BINNEY.—On March 4, 1985, peacefully, EMILY MARY BINNEY, daughter of the late Major Walter Erskine and Matilda Binney, of Lapford, Devon. Funeral service Lapford Church on Thursday, March 7, at 3.15 p.m. Inquiries to A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Road, Crediton.

BOND. — On Feb. 28, after a short illness, BERNARD, aged 64 years, late Director of Vinacombes, Torquay, darling husband of Iris, dearest father of Paul and Mark. Funeral service at Churston Parish Church, Churston Ferrers, Brixham, on Wednesday, March 6, at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation. Floral tributes, or donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation, may be sent to T. & I. Stockman, 64A, Bolton Street, Brixham.

BONFRAM. — On March 2, 1985, peacefully in her sleep, ETHEL MAY, aged 94 years, wife of the late JOHN BONFRAM, of Mansfield.

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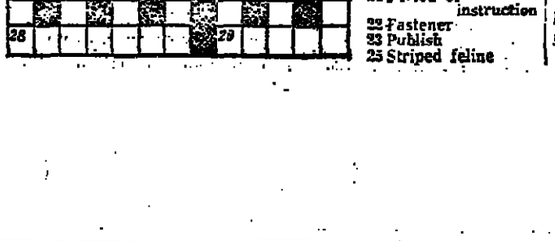
1 Able, and you can say that again (10)
6 & 10 One appearing bent on upsetting Yemen (4-5)
11 Performance tried in no uncertain way (9)
12 Picture predominant in water-colour (8)
13 Presents to viewers (5)
15 House I'd rebuilt is anything but appealing (7)
17 Drink for a checker in America (7)
19 Lumpy as our land ploughed up (7)
21 Swallow one gin and it (7)
22 Philosopher finding the cad a good leader at heart (5)
24 Assorted tins care for storing dry goods (8)
27 Pay a lot of money for a motor-boat? (6, 3)
28 Corresponded with rubbish we covered (5)
29 Turns from the Scriptures (4)
30 House value not appreciated by the council, possibly (10)

DOWN

1 Hear about a satellite bird (4)
2 Put on a play act (9)
3 Gorge to get by in a ship (5)
4 Something to which one is lately indebted (7)
5 Flaxen drop-out in Leeds, maybe (7)
7 Beast short of money, some say (5)
8 Genuine hard work—to the lions, anyhow (6, 4)
9 Seems probable the auction is going reasonably well (4, 4)
14 It's cold in China, despite the fur covering (10)
16 A leak resulting in main coverage (3, 5)
18 Pointer, by the way, for travellers (5-4)
20 Bear to take cocoa of a sort in the Senior Service (7)
21 Sirenian creature putting a chap at ease, so to speak (7)
23 Was "time-honoured Lancaster" so forbidding? (5)
25 Drain a second jug (5)
26 An achievement either way (4)



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1 Cry plaintively
4 Spectacles
8 Syncopated jazz
9 Style of address
10 Liquid measure
11 Recount
13 Cosy home
15 Uncommon thing
17 Bandit
20 Deciduous trees
22 Meet head on
24 Additional
26 Accumulate
27 This leg (anag.)
28 Design
29 Wander

DOWN
1 Songbird
2 Bar of metal
3 Obvious
4 Vegetables
5 Change
6 Go to sea (3, 4)
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21 Period of instruction
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23 Publish
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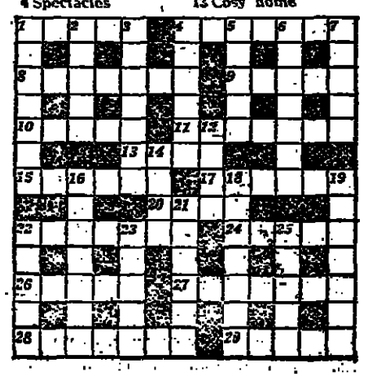

LANGE ISOLATED FROM SECRETS

By DAVID ADAMSON
Diplomatic Correspondent

NEW ZEALAND'S access to top secret intelligence material through Britain's Joint Intelligence Committee has been severely curtailed by the row with the United States over visits by American warships.

Under a secret 1946 agreement between Britain and America, New Zealand, Australia and Canada are entitled to take part in a weekly meeting of the intelligence committee.

The meetings, usually held on Wednesday, are currently under the chairmanship of Sir Percy Cradock, former Ambassador to Peking. Much of the material presented emanates from American sources.

But the Americans have already cut the New Zealanders from their military intelligence assessments distributed to the Anzus pact members and the Australians have been obliged not to pass on what they receive. The same restriction has now been applied to intelligence supplied to Britain.

New Zealand's representatives at the intelligence meetings are probably either Air Cdre Patrick Neville, head of the Defence Liaison Staff, or his deputy, Capt. John Lewis.

It seems likely that they now receive British-originated intelligence through some channel other than the weekly meeting, which the American ban would make it difficult for them to attend.

The intelligence team is a Cabinet committee which brings together senior Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence officials, the heads of MI6 and MI5 and the chief of the Cabinet Office intelligence assessment staff.

'Best of friends'

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher and Mr David Lange, New Zealand's Prime Minister, disagreed at their Downing Street meeting on nuclear matters but parted the "best of friends."

Mr Lange said Mrs Thatcher was very consistent. "She has adopted the position of successive United Kingdom governments. I respect her for that—for the strength of what she says."

Both sides agreed that Britain would continue to fight for New Zealand's interests in the EEC and elsewhere.

Mrs Thatcher told Mr Lange that she thought he was wrong to disrupt the Anzus pact by demanding that American warships disclose whether they are carrying nuclear weapons before visiting New Zealand.

Britain also refuses to disclose such details so preliminary plans for a visit by British warships to New Zealand next year are in abeyance.

News that Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, had called off an Anzus ministerial meeting because of the dispute, was received with regret by Mr Lange. Members should meet "to talk out their differences," he said.

Mr Lange left for Geneva last night to explain his position on nuclear weapons to the UN Disarmament Conference.

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14 SERVICE AREAS FOR MOTORWAYS

By Our Political Staff

Up to 14 more service areas are planned for motorways in England, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for State for Transport, said yesterday in a written Commons answer.

First to open, early next month, will be a new area at Ferrybridge, Yorks, where the M62 crosses the A1. Four are planned for the M25 around London, with the first to open expected to be at South Mimms, Herts.

Another at Birchanger on the M11 should open in 1987, another is planned for the M4 near Reading, up to three on the M20 and three on the M40.

BULAWAYO BACK TO NORMAL

By Our Harare Correspondent

The southern Zimbabwe city of Bulawayo returned to normal yesterday after a military security operation during the weekend.

Government troops and police removed roadblocks surrounding Bulawayo's western black townships on Sunday night. A police spokesman said "several arrests" had been made.

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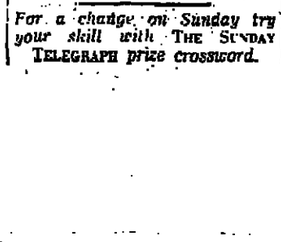

Yesterday's Quick Solution

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For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

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Two areas stay out

By JOHN RICHARDS

amnesty for those men who were sacked.

"The dispute is not over. There is going to be merry bloody hell and some of these gaffers are going to wish to God that we were still on strike," he said.

More than 170 striking miners have been dismissed in Yorkshire and the figure is expected to rise after further court hearings.

'No recriminations' appeal

In South Wales, where 42 men have been dismissed, Mr Philip Weekes, area director, said each individual case would be dealt with on its merits.

He added: "No one must now stand in the way of the majority who will want to return to normal and sound working relationships, free of bitterness and recrimination."

Mr John Northard, director of the board's Western area, which covers Staffordshire, Lancashire, North Wales, and Cumbria, said 10 miners who had lost their jobs would not be reinstated.

"These men were sacked for offences of violence against Coal Board personnel and damage to Coal Board property and they are people who we don't want in the mining industry. I have no reason to reconsider these cases."

Mr Gordon Butler, NUM North Derbyshire area secretary, is seeking an early meeting on an amnesty for men dismissed in the coalfield.

"If a man commits a crime, then society demands he pays the penalty through the courts.

"The Coal Board says he should also be condemned to a lifetime on the dole," said Mr Butler.

In Durham, Mr Billy Stobbs, coalfield representative on the NUM executive, said he believed it was possible to get the "big majority" of men reinstated.

Some NUM leaders are already considering a £10 a week levy on members to help restore the union's finances and provide for hardship cases.

Only 914 miners went back to work yesterday despite the decision to end the strike. The expected rush ahead of the official return to work did not materialise.

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Amnesty ruled out

By JAMES WIGHTMAN

charge" on fuel bills was being played down last night.

If the cost is not met by further borrowing, it could come through cuts in Government programmes or from any scope which the Chancellor might have available for tax cuts.

'Situation complicated'

Mr Walker refused to be drawn about the costs in the Commons yesterday, merely saying that the situation was complicated.

In reply to further questions, he said that investment in pits would depend on the return to work.

And, to the disappointed of many Tory MPs he said that no consideration was being given at the moment to the possibility of privatisation of some pits.

In his prepared statement, Mr Walker said:

Ministers did not do so at yesterday's meeting, but Whitehall yesterday began counting the cost of the strike and considering options for how it is to be paid.

The cost until the end of last year—£1·5 billion—has been met so far by extra Government borrowing. At least another £1 billion has been spent this year.

The Chancellor, Mr Lawson, is expected to give the final cost in his Budget on March 19. He may announce then how the cost is to be met.

The Government regret that this unjustified dispute, which has taken place without a ballot, has done so much damage to miners, to the mining community and to the coal industry.

Without this dispute, the industry would have received £800 million of capital investment during the past year; miners' pay would have been substantially above average industrial earnings: a thousand firms would have been persuaded to convert to coal; export orders would have been obtained; and any miner in a pit facing closure would have been given the opportunity of continuing to work in the industry, or of taking advantage of early retirement provisions more generous than those available in any other industry.

'Heavy damage'

The dispute has inflicted heavy damage on the coal industry and on those companies which supply that industry with plant and machinery.

However, I am pleased to tell the House that during the period of this dispute, industry at large was able to obtain the energy supplies it required.

There were no power cuts due to the dispute, and there are still nearly 12 million tonnes of coal stocks at Britain's power stations. [Stocks at the start of the strike were 24 million tonnes].

I would like to express the Government's appreciation to all those people whose efforts have ensured that Britain's energy supplies have continued to be available.

I believe the country would also like to thank the police who, throughout this dispute, have ensured that organised mob picketing did not deprive people of their freedom to go to their place of work.

Sadly, during the dispute 1,391 police officers have been injured.

It is now vital that the coal industry swiftly returns to normal working and recovers from the damage of the past twelve months.

The National Coal Board have stated that obtaining full safety in all pits is their first priority so that production can be restored.

Both the National Coad Board and the Government hope that the coal industry will now take full advantage of the considerable opportunities available both at home and abroad.

'Gloating' charge

Some Labour MPs accused Mr Walker of gloating at the NUM's defeat, but Opposition front bench spokesmen did not level that charge against him.

Mr Orme, Labour's Shadow Energy Secretary, said a negotiated settlement could be "the only way forward for the industry and the country."

He added: "The fortitude and tenacity with which men and women in the coalfields have fought to uphold and defend their communities and jobs have our admiration and support."

Mr Steel, Liberal leader, said the NUM should now learn that action based on intimidation would not work; the Coal Board that its "arrogant and high-handed management" would not work; and the Government that its redundancy provision was "no substitute for dealing with the economic and social problems of a community affected by pit closure."

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MORE WOMEN GO TO WORK

By Our Political Staff

The number of women in Britain with part-time jobs increased by 174,000 in the year to last September, Mr Alan Clark, Employment Under-Secretary, said yesterday.

The number of men with full- or part-time jobs fell by 86,000 but there were 189,000 more women in work, 15,000 of them full time.

MEACHER BETTER

By Our Political Staff

Mr Meacher, Shadow Social Services Secretary, left Whittington Hospital, North London, yesterday after surgery to repair a hernia.

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Commons Sketch

ELOQUENT SILENCE ON ULSTER

By EDWARD PEARCE

WE are not required here to run uncritically after hilarity: and the most important part of yesterday's proceedings was given over to unbearable melancholy.

Mr Hurd made his statement on the Newry wickedness. It was a sensible, rational, decent enough sot of summing up, but the real eloquence of the day came from someone unable to speak.

Mr Richard Needham (C. Chippenham) is normally one of the naturally amusing Members, given to little one-line cracks about monetarist excess which mark him down as the driest wet around.

He got up yesterday and began to ask a question. He stumbled and asked the Speaker's pardon, started again and simply found, in the middle of a sentence, that he could not go on.

He had just been to N Ireland and was too distressed to speak.

The House is used to tragedy—a fishing boat founders, a plane crashes or indeed the Provisional IRA strikes a blow for freedom on the body of somebody's father or husband.

The matter will be treated respectfully but with the usual British reserve.

Light relief

Yesterday was rather different. Not only was Mr Needham too unhappy to go on, but Mr Maclennan of the SDP seemed very close to tears and the Rev.

Mr Richard Needham: too distressed to speak.

William McCrea silenced the House with the description of a funeral at which a wife knelt down and kissed her husband's coffin.

The old phrase was, I think, "The sorrows of Ireland." They seemed yesterday to have spilt into the House.

By contrast, the pit strike, grim enough for most of us, passed as light relief. All the predictable people said all the predictable things, not least Mr Nellist, who was put on this earth by a providence satisfactorily concerned with the welfare of sketchwriters.

Mr Nellist does not speak, he uses a semi-eccessiastical lift, like a residentiary Canon making a quick runthrough of "We have done those things we ought not to have done" during a swift evensong.

"Those involved," intoned Canon Nellist, "were fighting to defend their union, the working class movement and their class."

"Et cum spiritu tuo," said the Conservatives. At least, that was what it sounded like.

Not that Mr Walker was less predictable. A man said once to have been bid in swizzle sticks, his delight is to talk about the amount of public money he is about to spend. Three-and-a-half billion, the cost of the strike, seems quite a lot of investment to be going on with but the chill worse "reunion" feel even from him.

Favourites first

Mr Griffiths (watch, chain, silver hair and senatorial manner) made his customary salaried remarks about the wonderfulness of the police and Mr Skinner said that the struggle would continue.

Any bookmaker offering odds on original contributions would have gone home happy. All the favourites won!

There is something about Mr Benn producing one of his "Great Stupendo" statistics out of the air and saying "Isn't this proof that the Government is conspiring to smash the workers?" to give Heisenberg second thoughts about uncertainty.

The entire afternoon seemed to be given up, in a desultory sort of way, to making us feel secure and untroubled by anything unfamiliar. The prejudices aired on both sides of the House were as comforting as Teddy Bears.

Mr Alexander Eadie did his Scottish patriot act and reminded us that "Scotland is a nation and a countrrrry" (and thus presumably entitled to a larger pit subsidy).

Mr Frank Haynes (snarling grandpa) was offensive to Mr Walker, which is a sound principle but hardly fair here.

"He had his few gloating moments," said Mr Haynes, who is a registered codger with the NHS, when poor Mr Walker had been floating three inches off the ground in his best leadership-pursuing vein of burnished moderation.

To round off a deeply traditional day Mr Stan Orme, from the Opposition Front Bench, was decent and ineffective. It is all very assuring.

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FALSE ALARM

By Our Political Staff

Sirens gave a four-minute warning of a nuclear attack on north-east Lancashire last Thursday because of an equipment fault, Mr Giles Shaw, Home Office Minister of State, said yesterday in a written Commons answer.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BRACKENBURY. — On Saturday, March 2, peacefully in hospital, MURIEL IRENE, wife of the late Charles and mother of Ian and Malcolm. Funeral at St John's Crematorium, Woking, Surrey, at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. Flowers to Weybridge Funeral Services, 56, High Street, Weybridge, or donations if preferred to Cancer Research.

BRICKELL.—On March 2, 1985, at home, Gillingham, Dorset, after a long illness, borne with dignity and courage, LOIS MAUD, aged 64 years, beloved wife of Bertie, mother of Chris and adored by her grandchildren James and Daniel. Friends please meet for the service at St Mary's Church, Gillingham, on Thursday, March 7, at 3.15 p.m., to follow by cremation (private). Cut flowers only, please, or donations if desired for Cancer Research may be sent to Bracher Brothers, Gillingham, Dorset, tel. 2484.

BROMLEY SIBSON.—On Feb. 27, 1985, suddenly whilst on holiday, A. P. (PATRICK) BROMLEY SIBSON, L.D.S., R.C.S. England, Dental Surgeon, Dartmouth Road, London, S.E.23. Beloved and loving husband of Betty, adored son of Mrs P. Bromley Sibson and the late John Bromley Sibson of Paignton and Torquay. A wonderful friend to many and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Interment has already taken place at Nevis, Leeward Isles.

BROOKBANK.—On March 1, peacefully in a nursing home, WINIFRED, aged 84 years, of Seaford, widow of THOMAS ARTHUR BROOKBANK. Much loved. Service at Seaford Parish Church on Friday, March 8, at 2 p.m., followed by burial. Family flowers only, please, but if desired donations in lieu to British Heart Foundation, c/o Seaford Funeral Service, 10323 893329.

BROWN.—On March 2, 1985, peacefully at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, ETHEL VICTORIA, in her 98th year, of Field House, Southleigh, Witney, Oxon, beloved wife of the late ALEXANDER BROWN, dear mother of Kathleen, Robert and Joan, and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at St James the Great Church, Southleigh, on Thursday, March 7, at 1.50 p.m., followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to St James the Great Church, Southleigh.

BUCHANAN.—On March 3, 1985, peacefully in his sleep at home in Rustington, West Sussex, Rev. DUNCAN MACKENZIE BUCHANAN, M.A., aged 90 years, late of Broom Hall Church, Glasgow, dearly beloved husband of Winifred, second son of Malcolm and Isabella Buchanan, of Wardrew, Lanark, and brother of the late Dr Ian Buchanan. Funeral service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, 12.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Help the Aged, 1, Sekforde Street, London, E.C.1.

BUCK.—On March 2, peacefully in hospital, FREDERICK ERNEST (Boy), of Epsom, father of Graham and grandfather of Nicholas, Timothy and Thomas. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m. Enquiries to Longhurst, undertakers, tel. Epsom 25348.

BUCKLAND.—On Friday, March 1, in hospital, peacefully after many years of illness, MONICA, Ada, aged 73, adored wife of Leslie Astford, mother of Penelope and grandma of Francesca and Annette. Funeral service Chelwood Gate Church Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m., cremation at Worth. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to Royal Sussex County Hospital Diabetic Fund, Brighton. A dear, kind, brave lady, loved by all who knew her.

BURTON.—On March 3, 1985, peacefully, at 90, Rose Road, Chester, DOROTHY MAY, aged 94 years, beloved wife of Stewart and dear friend of Molly. Service at Hamilton Street Methodist Church, Hoole, Chester, at 9 a.m., Thursday, March 7, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Methodist Homes for the Aged, c/o H. A. Jones Sunny Bank, 46, Cambrian View, Rhosneigr Lon., Chester.

BURTON. — On Friday, March 1, MONICA, wife of Eric, of 1, Greenhaven, Alma Hill Grove, London SE12, aged 67 years. Funeral Thursday, March 7, at 2.45 p.m., at Trinity Church, Nether Street, Finchley N12, followed by private cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium. There will also be a memorial service at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 24, at 3 a.m. Family flowers only, but contributions to Arthritis and Rheumatism Research (A.R.C.), c/o Miss Crompton, 4, Hale Close, Edgware, Middx.

BUTTERFIELD.—On March 3, peacefully at home in Taunton, DR MARY, beloved wife of Dr TED BUTTERFIELD and mother of Christopher. Funeral service at St Gildas's Church, Milton, Taunton, on Wednesday, March 6, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Taunton Deane. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for St Margaret's Hospice, c/o L. Jones & Sons Ltd., 70, Burrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, tel. 061-928 2000.

CRAWFORD.—On March 3, peacefully at Cardon Rest Home, PHYLLIS (Jo) Crawford, widow of the late DONALD CRAWFORD, of 28, Kings Avenue, Muswell Hill, N.10. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, Alexandra Park Road, at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, followed by cremation at Golders Green. Flowers to Cooksey & Son Ltd., 190, Fortis Green Road, N10 or donations to St Christopher's Hospice, 51, Lawrie Park Road, SE26 6DZ.

COX.—On March 2, 1985, peacefully at home in Altrincham, Cheshire, LEONARD ROBERT COX, O.B.E., aged 78 years, service and interment at Dunham Lawn Cemetery on Thursday, March 7 at 2.30 p.m. All flowers and inquiries to A. B. Brookes & Sons Ltd., 70, Barrington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, tel. 061-928 2000.

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CROOM.—On March 1, EDWARD JOHN, shepherd of Penserrance, Broadclyst, loved and admired by all who knew him. Cremation at Marsalis Crematorium, Friday, March 8, 10.30 a.m. No flowers, please.

DALE.—On March 1, at Deniside Hall, Northumberland, Middleton Junior, LITTLEWOOD, aged 92, much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

DAMADIAN.—On March 3, 1985, peacefully at home, GRACE OLIVIA, beloved wife of Edward, mother to Anabel and sister to Blodwen, auntie to Emma, Charlotte and Sophie. Service and cremation will take place on Thursday, March 7, at Walton Lea Crematorium, Warrington, at 2 p.m.

DARLINGTON.—On Feb. 27, 1985, at Minehead Hospital, after an illness patiently borne, Major (Retd) BASIL DARLINGTON, of Cherfield, Minehead, dearly beloved husband of Janet, father of Andrew, Jonathan and Hamish. The funeral will take place at the Town on Thursday, March 7, at Wednesday, March 6, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu to the League of Friends, Minehead Hospital, c/o Hawkes, funeral directors, Dunster, tel. 821257.

de ROTA.—On Feb. 18, 1985, a tragic accident in Zermatt, Switzerland, FRANCOIS PIERRE JOSEF PHANSIGAR, aged 22, of 23 Bis, Avenue Pierre Grenier, Boulogne 92100, France, adored son of Penelope, and stepbrother and beloved brother of Oliver. Funeral was held in Boulogne on Feb. 26.

DEWEY.—On March 2, at home after a short illness, NORMAN STRATFORD, aged 88, husband of Ursula and father of Thomas, David, Martin and Rosemary. Funeral private.

DODDS.—On Feb. 23, peacefully at Orpington Hospital, ALICE JENKINS, aged 82 years, much loved mother of James and William. Funeral service Eltham Crematorium Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m. No flowers.

DUNCAN.—On Feb. 26, in hospital at Reading, WILLIAM BRUCE DUNCAN, M.B.E., aged 82, of Goring.

ELLIS.—On Friday, March 1, at Epsom Hospital, MARGARET, dearly beloved aunt of Stephanie. Funeral in the field at Patcham Vale Crematorium, Tuesday, March 12, at 12.15 p.m. R.I.P.

ELLIS.—On March 2, 1985, suddenly at his home, GEOFFREY WILLIAM, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, formerly of British Steel, dearly beloved and loving husband of Edith, devoted father of Leon, Diane and Judith and adored grandfather of Simon, Robert and Nicholas. Funeral service on Thursday, March 7, at Macclesfield Crematorium at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation Appeal, c/o Mr J. Frith, Treasurer, 1, Stainey lands Close, Wilmslow. All inquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director Ltd., Wilmslow, tel. Wilmslow 525065.

FELLOWES.—On March 2, peacefully in Battle Hospital, Major-General MALCOLM DAVID FELLOWES, C.B., O.C., Royal Marines, aged 78, dear husband of Rosemary, and father of Carol. Funeral private. Donations if desired to the Royal Marines Association. Memorial service to be announced.

FERGUSON THOMSON. — On March 1, 1985, peacefully FRANCES, aged 76 years widow of Major WILLIAM FERGUSON THOMSON, beloved mother of Eleanor Scanlan and stepmother of Richard and James Cowan. Funeral private on Thursday, March 7. Flowers to All Saints Church, Nettleton, near Derby.

FIRTH.—On March 3, peacefully, the Rev. GEORGE, Esq., aged 81 years, loving husband of Mary, father of Richard and brother of Kathleen. Funeral service 11.30 a.m., Monday, March 11, at Wesley Methodist Church, Priory Road, High Wycombe. If desired, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Overseas Division, Methodist Church, 25, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR.

FOULKES.—On March 3, in Harold Wood Hospital, GORDON STUART, dearly loved husband of Rene, father of Rosemary, and Malcolm and grandfather of David, Nicholas, Samantha, Stuart and Adrian. Funeral service at South Essex Crematorium, Friday, March 8, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations to R.N.L.I. gratefully received.

FRASER.—On Saturday, March 2, in hospital, after a short illness most bravely borne, MARY ADELAIDE, aged 81, of 8, South Ridge, Odiham, daughter of the late Major L. R. Barber, sister of Robert and Sylvia, friend for over 50 years of Brigid Burke. Funeral service at Greywell Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, March 8, followed by interment at Odiham Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations to Ethiopia